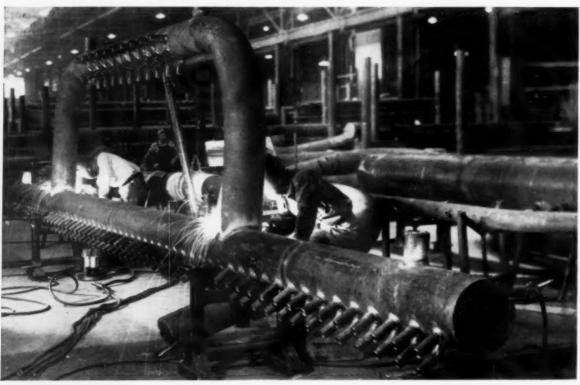
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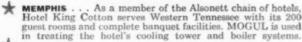
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## Facts and Trends

May 1960

◆ WATER COOLED BUS—The cooling by water of an isolated-phase generator bus has been tested in the laboratory of Delta-Star Electric Division, H. K. Porter Company, Inc. The 19-in. diameter circular aluminum bus, enclosed in a 40-in. aluminum duct, was of 10,000 ampere capacity.

With the forced cooling 15,000 amperes were kept flowing through the bus while bus temperature rise was held within allowable limits. Ordinary tap water was recirculated through the bus at different temperatures and rates of flow while bus temperature rise was constantly checked. The circulating water was cooled in a refrigerating unit. It was possible to use tap water for the test because the voltage was low.

♦ NOT FOR EDITORS—Man's first inhabited space station may be packed in a small container as it leaves the earth, blown into shape like a balloon when it reaches orbit, and "rigidized" by quick-setting plastic foam.

All this is possible through the use of expandable coated fabric structures, according to Goodyear Aircraft Corporation engineers who developed the material for applications in space technology. The fabrics, either of organic or metallic fibers, will be able to withstand high temperatures, extreme cold and the hard vacuum of space. Space stations envisioned by GAC engineers will be enormous earth-circling expandable structures situated hundreds of miles above the earth where men will be able to work with scientific instruments and live in comfort.

◆ WRITE BY TELEPHONE—Comptometer Corporation is now marketing a line of Electrowriter instruments which transmit written messages or sketches to any point, however distant, over telephone or radio circuits.

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♦ WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION—In some states an employer can go to jail for ignoring his state's workmen's compensation law. In many states he can be stopped from doing business. In most states he can be fined. The laws vary. What's the law in your state?

To help employers learn how to conform to the workmen's compensation laws, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States published its 1960 biennial revision of "Analysis of Workmen's Compensation Laws." The 57-page booklet includes the latest changes in U. S. state and federal laws. For a copy of the booklet send \$1 to the Insurance Department, Chamber of Commerce of the United States, 1615 H St. N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

◆ LET THOSE THAT GET BENEFIT PAY—Local governments, in their search for non-tax revenue to meet rising costs and to provide expended programs, have greatly increased their use of charges for services such as municipal recreation facilities, housing,

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school lunch programs and hospitals, the National Industrial Conference Board reports in a study released today.

In 1940, total general revenues which local governments collected from their own sources were \$5 billion, and charges and miscellaneous revenues accounted for only 10 per cent of the total. By 1957, total revenue had climbed to \$18 billion, and charges and miscellaneous revenues were bringing in 20 per cent of it. The cities that charge more for such services also spend more and tax less.

◆ ALUMINUM MINE CARS—A year-and-a-half test of 10 aluminum mine cars in a West Virginia coal mine indicates that the aluminum cars can cut mine operating costs and withstand rugged service, Reynolds Metals Company reported recently.

The 17-ton cars, put into service in the fall of 1958, weigh nearly 50 per cent less than comparable steel cars. This saving in weight means that mine trains can pull up to 10 per cent more loaded cars per train, without increasing gross train weight. Manufactured by Watt Car and Wheel Company, Barnesville, Ohio, the cars were designed by Reynolds Metals Company's Product Development Department. After a year and a half's service the cars today show no signs of corrosion, although they have been used to haul coal, slate, clay, wet sand and cement.

◆ THERMOELECTRIC GENERATOR—With scores of firms now engaged in the race to make thermoelectric power generation (direct conversion of heat into electricity) a commercial reality, General Instrument Corporation has placed on the market a small (one-foot high), lightweight (10 pounds), automatic "power plant" with no moving parts, that can produce electricity for a year on \$10 worth of ordinary propane gas and will keep running as long as the fuel supply lasts.

The new generator (which employs "thermopiles" of semi-conductor elements to convert the heat of the burning propane into electricity and will cost about \$500) produces five watts of power, steadily and continuously, for as long as the fuel supply lasts.

◆ COAL-GAS TURBINE—A generating cycle combining a steam turbine and a gas turbine, to be installed in an Ohio power plant, will be used for the first time in the production of electric energy by a coal-burning plant. This will be accomplished by installation of a 5000 kilowatt prototype turbine, driven by coal gas, at the Muskingum River Plant of the Ohio Power Company.

Previously, gas turbines used for power production have burned only natural gas and distillate and bunker C oils. The 5000-kw prototype will operate in this manner: coal, broken down by high temperature in a carbonizer, will yield both gas and char. The gas will be burned in the gas turbine. The hot exhaust from the gas turbine will be fed with the char into a cyclone-type burner firing into the pulverized coal-fired boiler.

♦ BASIC RESEARCH—A scientific breakthrough that opens the door to understanding a major life process has been achieved in the Du Pont Company's fundamental research work. For the first time researchers have duplicated in a test tube the reaction nature uses within a living cell to create the nitrogen compounds without which no life can exist.

They have discovered a technique, long sought by scientists around the world, by which nitrogen-fixing chemicals can be separated from bacteria and stimulated to perform their function outside the bacterial cell. Lacking such a technique, scientists have been frustrated in their research on this vital natural process.

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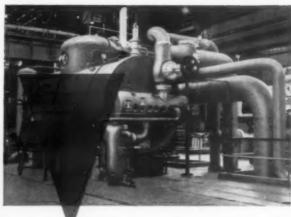
Erwin R. Summers, senior development engineer in G-E's Medium A-C Motor & Generator Department, was presented with a special Award of Merit, first ever given by the department. Mr. Summers directed the work of designing and building motor bearings to operate immersed in the pressurized, radio-active water that is the coolant fluid for atomic reactors used chiefly in naval ships.

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#### Yale Rubber Mfg. Co. Builds Georgia Plant

A new half-million-dollar industrial plant is being built near Daw-son, Georgia, E. H. Henderson, president and general manager of the Yale Rubber Manufacturing Company, announced.

The plant will produce molded and extruded rubber goods, oil seals and miscellaneous parts. The estimated cost of the plant and machinery is one million dollars.

Mr. Henderson said he expected the plant to begin operation in August of this year. Approximately 150 people will be employed initially, he continued, with possible future expansion calling for 250 to 300 employees.

The modern 60,000-square-foot concrete and steel structure will be the first industry to be situated in Dawson's new 225-acre industrial district. According to the plant's architects, Heery & Heery of Atlanta, the building is designed for expansion to a total of 160,000 square feet. It will be located on Georgia Highway 32 just west of the Dawson city limits and will be served by the Seaboard Airline Railroad.

#### Universal Atlas—Texas

Universal Atlas Cement Division of United States Steel Corporation is proceeding with a program of expansion and modernization at its cement plant in Waco, Texas. This program, scheduled for completion late in 1961, will double the present plant capacity.

Built in 1929, the Waco plant produces gray Portland cement and masonry cement. It also produces a retarded oil-well cement with major markets in the Texas-Louisiana area. At present the Waco plant is a one-kiln operation. The company plans to install a second rotary kiln to provide a modern, fully integrated two-kiln operation with an estimated capacity of over 2,000,000 barrels of finished cement. A special feature will be the installation of a complete glass-bag filter system.



Reynolds Aluminum Supply Company has announced the presentation of its annual Star Salesman Awards to three Warehouse Division salesmen. From left to right, standing, are: Dave Luton, Second in Profit Production; Joe Hogan, First in Gross Sales and Profit Production; and Joe Blair, Second in Gross Sales. Seated are Paul H. Fox, President of the firm and Rae E. Hasselbring, General Manager of RASCO's Warehouse Division.

#### U. S. Concrete Pipe-Fla.

United States Concrete Pipe Company, wholly-owned subsidiary of Pittsburgh Coke & Chemical Company, has begun construction of a new \$2,500,000 vitrified clay pipe plant on a 40-acre tract at Ocala, Florida.

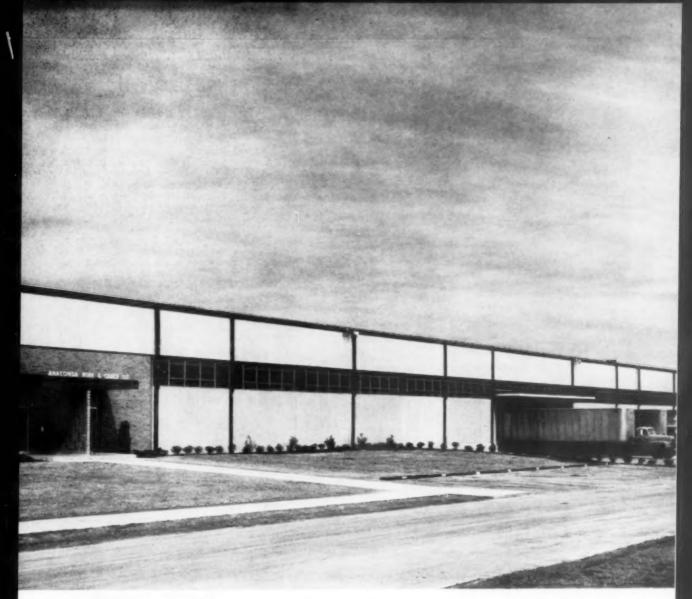
Included in the up-to-date facilities will be a tunnel kiln with preheaters, extrusion presses and joint fabricating equipment. Raw material for plant production will be purchased from clay producers in Alabama, where the company also recently acquired clay properties.

#### U. S. Steel-Ala.

U. S. Steel Supply Division awarded a contract to American Bridge Division of U. S. Steel for the construction of a steel service center in Birmingham, Alabama.

The facility, located at 21st Street and Avenue C, Ensley, Birmingham, will replace two older structures used by the Supply Division in that

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of Missouri's Meramec Station, Unit 4, where it was erected by Midwest field crews.

A single pole trailer with flagged escorts front and rear was used to transport the 15-ton piping assembly from the Midwest plant to the job site on the Mississippi River south of the city.

The header was fabricated in chrome-moly steel, has a 1½" wall thickness, and diameter 24" to 27".

#### Seiberling Plant — Ark.

Seiberling Rubber Co. is establishing a new plant in Arkansas as part of its current expansion program. Initially the Batesville plant will employ 100 and will produce shoe products and other rubber goods.

The project, with total valuation of \$1,300,000, is to be housed in a 100,000 sq. ft. building on a 20-acre site, with construction beginning this spring.

#### Bowater Board Mill-S. C.

Production of smooth-on-bothsides hardboard at the new \$7,000,000 plant of Bowater Board Company. Catawba. S. C., is scheduled to get under way early in June, John G. Robinson, mill manager has announced.

The plant at Catawba has been designed to produce 160,000,000 square feet of hardboard a year with initial production going to the furniture industry. The company expects to expand marketing to other industrial users as soon as practicable.

The plant will have 125 employees with an estimated payroll of \$500,000

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The plant is situated next to the Bowaters Carolina Corporation pulp mill on the Catawba River. It is served by both the Southern and Seaboard railroads. Wood is obtained from the heavily-forested Piedmont areas of North and South Carolina

#### Columbia-Southern-La.

Columbia-Southern Chemical Corporation has begun construction of an ethylene dichloride plant at the company's Lake Charles, La., facility.

According to Joseph A. Neubauer, president, the plant will cost in excess of \$1,000,000 and initial production is scheduled for September, 1960. The new unit will adjoin the firm's large chlorine and caustic soda manufacturing operation.

Production of this organic compound will mark Columbia-Southern's entry into chemicals based on ethylene. The process for the new plant was developed by the research and development department at Columbia-Southern's Corpus Christi operation.

## FUTURE EVENTS of Engineering Interest

May 5-6: AIEE Annual Textile Conference, Heart of Atlanta Motel, Atlanta, Ga. Textile Industrial Subcommittee, American Institute of Electrical Engineers, R. R. Prechter, General Electric Co., Atlanta. Chm.

May 5-6: 1960 Protective Relaying Conference, Georgia Tech School of Architecture Auditorium, Director/Short Courses and Conferences, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta 13, Ga.

May 9-13: 2nd Southwestern Metal Exposition & Congress, American Society for Metals, State Fair Park & Sheraton Hotel, Dallas, Texas. Allan Ray Putnam, Mg. Dir., ASM, Metals Park, Novelty, Ohio.

May 11-14: 1960 Spring Meeting. Fluid Controls Institute, Inc., The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, E. R. Rath, Exec. Sec'y, Box 667, Pompano Beach, Fla.

Sept. 7-15: 2nd Coliseum Machinery Show, Chicago Coliseum, Chicago, Ill. A. Byron Perkins, Exec. Mgr., 2807 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles 26, Calif.

#### Duke Power to Install Allis-Chalmers Kaplans

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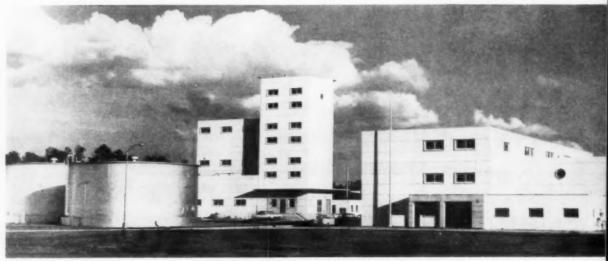


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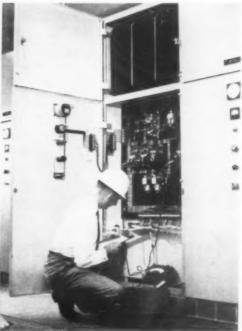
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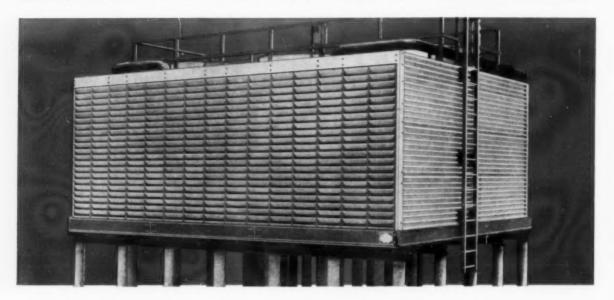
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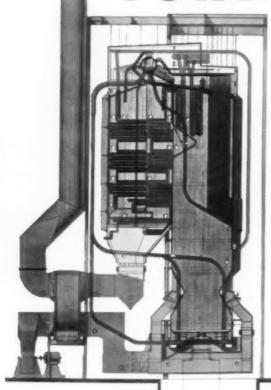
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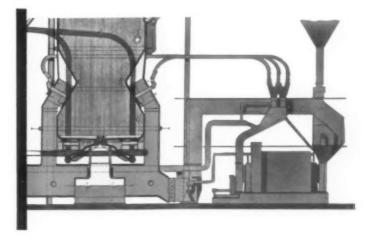
Turbo Furnace Boilers now in operation and under construction range in size from industrial type installations to high capacity central station units. Many Turbo Furnace Boilers are pressurized. Some are designed to fire coal, oil and gas separately or in any combination depending on B.T.U. cost of fuel.

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Here Are Some Desirable Characteristics You'll

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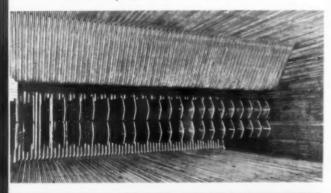
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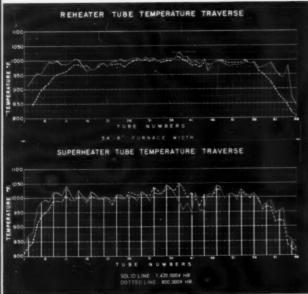
#### Continuous Slag Tapping At Low Loads

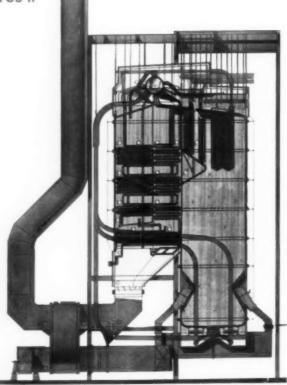
Burners are directed downward and fire on the floor around the tap hole assuring tapping at low load operation and making possible the use of higher fusion coals. Continuous flow of slag has been obtained at 25% of maximum continuous rating.

#### No Furnace Wall Deslaggers are Normally Required

Because of high ash retention in the bottom and the uniform vertical gas flow pattern furnace wall slagging is substantially eliminated.







The 1,550,000 lb/hr Turbo Furnace Boiler at Louisiana Power & Light Company's Sterlington (La.) Steam Electric Station, 2125 psig, 1005/1005 F pressurized. At left—View across 55 foot wide furnace at superheater elevation.

#### Higher Heat Releases Permitted

The fuel is burned within the Turbo Furnace bottom, just above the Turbo Furnace floor . . . the entire furnace wall area is available for heat recovery. The nominal heat release may thus be higher than for horizontally fired boilers.

#### Lower External Structure Cost

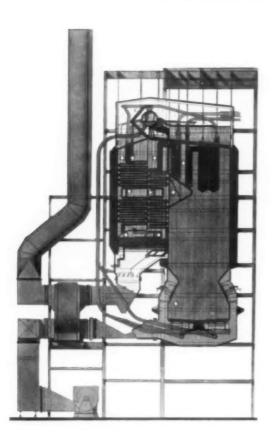
With lower furnace heat releases permitted the Riley Turbo Furnace boiler occupies less cubical space. One burner level eliminates platform and ladder construction costs.

#### Wider Single Furnace Boiler Units Permitted

Furnace design, combined with the opposed method of firing, controls gas flow pattern to remove limitations on furnace widths inherent with other methods of firing. Gas temperature traverses at the furnace exit are extremely uniform.

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The view at left and chart are of the 55 foot wide single furnace of the 1,550,000 lb/hr unit above. Furnace has no division walls or platens. The chart shows the uniform metal temperature gradient of superheater and reheater tubes spaced across the width of the furnace. The maximum variation above the normal 1005 F is well within safe limits assuring long metal life. The chart also shows the same uniform pattern for lower loads.

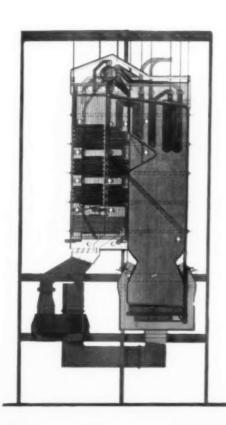


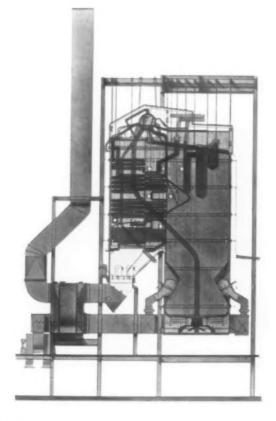
## TYPICAL RILEY TURBO FURNACE BOILER INSTALLATIONS

At left — North Lake Steam Electric Station, Dallas Power & Light Company. 1,200,000 lbs/hr — 2125 psig, 1005/1005 F with pressurized Turbo Furnace. Fired by natural gas and oil.

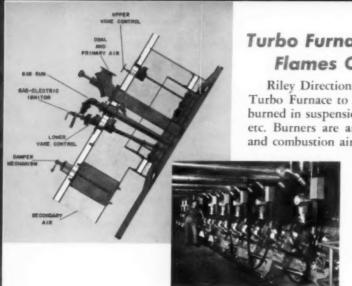
Lower left — Turner Unit No. 4, Florida Power Corporation. 600,000 lbs/hr—1650 psig, 1000/1000 F. Fired by oil and natural gas.

Below -- Permian Basin Steam Electric Station, Texas Electric Service Company, 825,000 lbs/hr, 1750 psig, 1005/1005 F. pressurized. Fired by natural gas, oil, (Future pulverized coal).





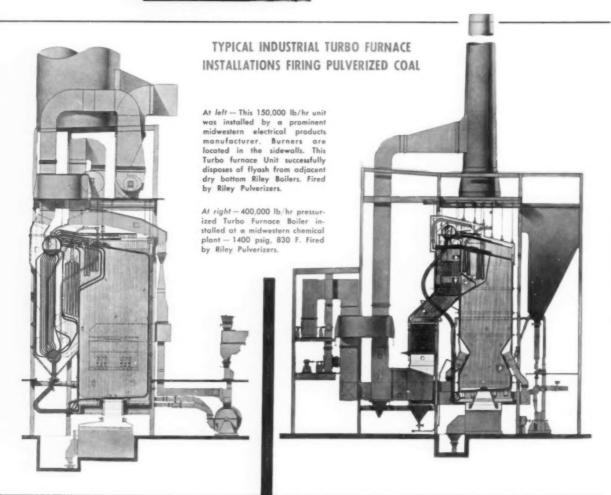




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## **INDUSTRY SPEAKS**



#### **Automation Calls for New Kind of Maintenance**

INCREASING AUTOMATION in American fac-

tories calls for a new kind of maintenance man — a highly trained engineer-technician to cope with complex electronic control systems, a General Electric executive told the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers recently in Detroit.

Keeping production flowing is more important than ever in an automated factory, declared James J. Durkin, general manager of G. E.'s Service Shops Department, because of the capital tied up in automatic equipment and the losses that follow when a continuous process is halted by the breakdown of one component.

Mr. Durkin spoke at a meeting of the Detroit District Section of the AISE in the Ford Motor Company office building. A panel discussion on selecting and training of maintenance personnel followed his talk.

Panelists included Stanley W. Hall, Ford Steel Division; James G. Smith, Great Lakes Steel Corporation; Jack O'Neill, Algoma Steel Corporation, Sault Ste. Marie; and W. F. McMullen, Canadian General Electric Company, Peterborough. James A. Laidlaw, of Algoma, was moderator, and George Brown and Donald Corey, Detroit Edison Company, were guest panelists.

"In many plants today the maintenance man is the most highly skilled workman in the shop, the last of the craftsmen," Mr. Durkin said. "In setting maintenance standards for the ever more automatic factory, we must take this craftsmanship and pride into account and upgrade the job in training, prestige, and wage rates.

"The proportion of maintenance workers to total workers is rising and will have to increase drastically in the years ahead. The proportion of highly trained men among them will rise too.

"For computers and programming control systems there is a need for a trained engineer-technician as trouble shooter and repair man. He may merely locate a faulty sealed component, a 'black box' and replace it with a new one. But he must be well trained in the design of the control system and understand its importance and timeliness to the productive process."

Makers of automatic and computer controlled equipment now frequently supply maintenance service as part of the equipment purchase price or rental. For the average user, Mr. Durkin said, such service constitutes a large part of the cost of operating the equipment.

"I feel we will soon see the time when such service is supplied by 'pooled' technicians in key locations throughout the country, maybe on a contract basis," he said. General Electric, with its nationwide inspection, maintenance, and repair organization, is looking critically at its role in servicing customers in this area and is studying and programming the future maintenance manpower requirements by types of industry.

"We see a definite trend in more young technical men becoming interested in maintenance work and on-the-spot trouble shooting. More schools and colleges are likewise gearing their thinking and courses of study for this type of education and training."



## **TIMELY COMMENTS**

### Maintenance - - But One Thing Has Not Changed

INCREASED EMPHASIS on maintenance is evidenced on every hand: maintenance conferences, maintenance shows, maintenance magazines — and this (our own) special Annual Maintenance Issue. Even the founders' societies such as ASME and AIEE are holding meetings devoted entirely to maintenance.

There are two reasons for this increase in effort to improve maintenance procedures.

- Modern maintenance is more difficult, more challenging and more interesting than were repair procedures of the past.
- 2 Maintenance is more important to production and to the financial sheet than it was only a few years ago.

Our older readers will remember the revolution in maintenance caused by electric arc welding many years ago — and they may even remember when sand blasting produced the first clean surface for maintenance painting. But by and large the maintenance man's life was more or less complacent in the "good old days." He patched, he replaced, he cleaned, he painted, and he poured in the oil. When something broke, he made a new piece or placed an order for a replacement. Few indeed were the failures that could shut down a whole plant or a major department. Plants had spare elements and excess capacity in each element. We could stand a break-down here and there.

Then came inflation with a two-pointed dagger: Equipment prices are now too high to permit many spares, and manpower is so expensive that production lines and automation are essential.

So we can't permit any more break-downs. We must have preventive maintenance. But not simple preventive maintenance. We must have preventive maintenance of automated, high-speed, single-line production units. So now maintenance approaches the same professional standing as design and production. It is a science and a challenge.

Not alone is the equipment more complicated and more difficult to maintain — but the tools and materials are more scientific and require more knowledge.

We have many kinds of electrical testers and trouble-shooting devices. We have x-ray, and sonar, and inductive fault detectors. We have alkyds, vinyls, epoxies, silicones and polyesters — synthetic sheets and pipes and fibers. We have cathodic protection, and too many special metals to mention. Ceramics no longer means bricks and glass — it can mean tools and coatings and special high temperature components.

Some of these things require highly specialized skills. Water treatment alone is a science in itself—and the man that understands static controls and electronics is a lone wolf in most organizations—discussing his problems with the boss won't help him much.

Perhaps we are going too far too fast — and in many instances I think we are. But the snowball has gotten too big to push; now many have to run merely to keep up.

Yet in this hectic state of affairs we must maintain sanity. The wheels must turn and the maintenance man must see that they do.

The problem must be recognized from top to bottom in the plant organization and everyone must help: management, engineering, production, purchasing and of course the master mechanic. Excuse me — I mean the maintenance engineer.

But one thing has not changed. The job still has to be done with men, materials and effort.

So the job breaks down into: 1—organization, 2—application, and 3—procedure — just like any other job.

That's where SPI hopes to help in this special ISSUE. Rather than try to cover the waterfront (which is impossible) we present many specific articles on how to do individual jobs — mostly case studies of proven methods that have served in your neighbors' plants:

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- 2 Articles on choice of materials and equipment to solve specific problems,
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Left to right: plant engineer, general foreman, newly promoted group leader, and employee and public relations manager.

#### Alabama Plant Manager Says Handle First Promotion With Care

## To Get Top Maintenance Supervisors

IF YOU WANT to get successful supervisors from your maintenance work force, be sure you handle the "first" promotion right. The first step up the promotion

The first step up the promotion ladder is, in many ways, a lot more critical than stepping up to the top rungs. It marks a transition in the relationship between employee and employer, and the point at which basic managerial attitudes, duties and responsibilities should

be established.

Certainly this approach has worked for us very successfully. For instance, when our Decatur, Alabama plant was opened in 1948 it was one of the first industrial organizations in an essentially agricultural area. The work force consisted mostly of people skilled in working with farm equipment, rather than industrial machinery. Today many of our supervisory and managerial people are from that original unskilled group. We feel that a major factor in maintaining a continued flow of super-

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visory people from within the plant is due to the "first promotion" properly handled.

There are three facets to the first promotion operation: selection, recognition and instruction. All are equally important.

#### Selection

If a promotion system is going to work — an equitable, simple and clearly defined set of criteria should be established for selecting candidates for promotion. Also, the whole evaluational procedure should be simple and easy to follow.

Our supervisors use a form (Rating Sheet) as the basis for recommending promotion from working job classification to Group Leader. Each man in a group is ranked within the group.

For instance, preference is given to older men because, all other things being equal, an older man will generally be mature. In the age column, the oldest man is assigned a value of (1), next oldest (2), and in a group of five, the youngest would be rated (5).

Similar ratings for all of the criteria are totaled and the man with the lowest total is ranked highest. He is a candidate for promotion. The criteria used for evaluation are as follows:

Age
Education
Mental ability test score
Veteran status
Length of employment
Attendance record
Average performance rating

#### The Rating Sheet

Material that is ircluded in the Promotion Rating Sheet is obtained from the employee's personal Newly promoted group leader (wearing cap) is shown: 1—Getting the day's working instructions from the foreman; 2—Proposing an improvement in fabricating part with foreman; 3—Filling out time report on projects completed for the day.

history envelope. The first three columns show: Name, Age and Education. The fourth column shows the score on the "Mental Ability Test." The fifth, sixth and seventh columns are headed respectively Veteran, Length of Service in the Plant and in the Department.

The eighth column is headed "Attendance," and shows the number of times: Absent With Notification, Leaves of Absence, Absent Without Permission, and Tardy.

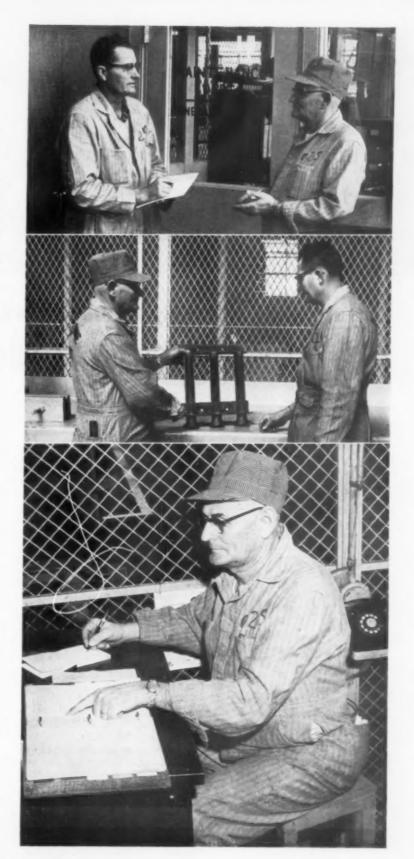
Additional columns give the results obtained from a Performance Rating Form which is completed annually by the supervisor and filed in the employee's personal history envelope.

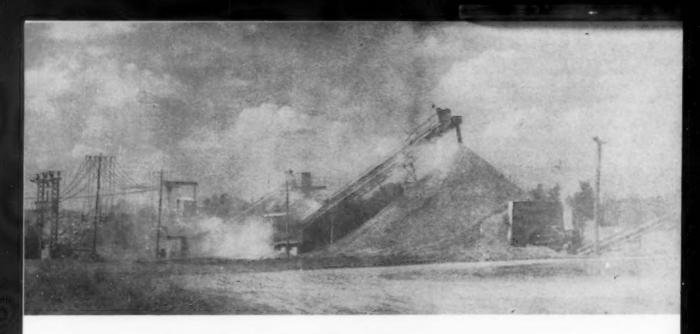
The extreme right-hand column is headed "Weight" and is used by the Industrial Relations Department and the Plant Operations Department. Each Department independently arrives at a rating of the man based on personal knowledge rather than statistical data contained in the promotion rating form. At the preliminary discussion between the representatives of the two departments an agreed rating of the man is arrived at, based on opinion and statistical data.

#### Recognition

Once the decision is made to promote the man to group leader specific recognition is made of the event. Prior to the day the promotion is to take effect, the department general foreman and plant engineer bring the man to the office of the employee and public relations manager. At this meeting the method of selection is discussed. The selected man is told he has competed against others and he is offered the promotion.

The plant engineer and general (Continued on page 99)





## Cartersville, Georgia, Plant Shows DUST SUPPRESSION CAN BE PROFITABLE

DUST CONTROL is a tough prob-

lem in any manufacturing plant using or processing bulk raw material or handling large quantities of coal for their plant power or steam. Dust can create so many problems: employee relations, public relations, maintenance or just good housekeeping.

Marquette Cement Company's Cartersville, Georgia, limestone quarrying and crushing operation has found that dust control can offer some actual monetary rewards in addition to the intangibles such as employee relations and public relations. In Marquette's operation, dust control: (1) increases production, (2) stops equipment overloading and jamming, (3) cuts cleanup time, (4) reduces maintenance and (5) practically eliminates material loss.

In searching for an effective method to control dust at this quarrying and crushing operation, the company surveyed the operation to determine both cause and effect of any dust generation. Production was suffering, dust from the secondary crusher and vibrator screens would obscure the primary crusher operator's view of the conveyors and screens. Whenever this happened, he was forced

to cut back on the feed rate to avoid overloading and jamming the screens and possibly tearing a belt

Abrasive dust, settling on equipment, added time to cleanup operations and increased wear on bearings, sprockets, chain drives and other equipment. Dust blowing off of bottom-dump rock trailers used to transport the crushed limestone to the plant was also a possible source of public annoyance.

#### How It Was Cured

Dust control engineers from The Johnson-March Corp. reviewed the operation and recommended a series of sprays to apply a chemical solution at the major dust producing points.

The chemical solution is a mixture of water with a minute portion of a surface-active compound, called Compound MR—actually, one part of compound to 750 parts of water. This small amount of compound breaks down the surface tension of the water causing it to spread further, penetrate deeper and diffuse more widely than untreated water.

Wetting with plain water is none too effective. Small particles of dry dust sit on the surface of the water. Untreated water sprayed on a pile of dust forms globules and rolls off, leaving the dust free to rise into the atmosphere.

Very little moisture is needed when such a wetting solution is used. As little as one-half of one per cent moisture, added in the proper manner, is sufficient to keep fines from rising into the atmosphere. Spray jets are located wherever dry material changes its direction of travel or is subjected to disturbing air currents.

At Cartersville, the solution is mixed, automatically, in a small pump house. Flow of water into a mixing tank is held constant and a special liquid flow proportioner controls the amount of compound added. The proportioner is equipped with a positive displacement pump utilizing a spring bellows that will meter liquids at desired volumes with an accuracy of one per cent. Pumping action is achieved by flexing the bellows with a cam on the output shaft of the drive motor.

Two applications of the solution are made in the primary crusher. The rock is hauled about one quarter mile from the rock face in 15-ton back dump trucks. Trucks dump their loads into a feeder



The view on opposite page shows the plant operating without the dust suppression system. Above—the suppression system is turned on and the same plant operations are taking place.

that discharges into a primary jaw crusher. First application of dust control solution is into the crusher jaws. The crusher operator selects these sprays by push button control interlocked with the feeder drive. When the feeder stops, the sprays stop automatically.

Spray jets at the discharge of the primary crusher, and throughout the rest of the operation, are actuated by automatic controls located beneath the conveyors. These controls turn on the sprays.

The most critical applications are at the mouth and discharge of the secondary crusher. It is dust from these points that obscures the operator's view of the screens and return conveyors making it necessary to cut back on the feed rate.

During particularly dry spells, another set of sprays is used at the transfer of the 24" reclaim conveyor. Generally, spray from the crushers has sufficient carry-over effect to make the last application unnecessary.

In addition to increasing production, reducing material loss and improving employee morale, clean-up time is cut. Less dust, less cleanup. The same is true of maintenance. Abrasive dust particles cause excess wear on bearings, sprockets, chain drives, electric motors, etc.

The cost of applying Compound MR solution varies from %- to %-cent per ton of processed material.

This before and after illustration shows effects of the dust suppression system





## The Productive Electrical Maintenance Program

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ARE YOU denying yourself the benefits of a productive maintenance program? You needn't. This article describes a program that can be put into immediate use. Although specifically prepared as a program for a large electrical department, it can be adapted for any maintenance function in any plant.

We are all interested in effective maintenance. Maintenance should be considered productive, not preventive, to give it the dynamic recognition it deserves. Maintenance is like a production line. If maintenance gets 1) better tools, 2) adequate organization, 3) systematic procedures, and 4) engineering help — maintenance will give "increased production."

No one program is a cure-all for all maintenance problems. The best maintained equipment will break down, but a systematic productive maintenance program will reduce equipment breakdowns. This reduction will result in lower costs and increased production.

#### **Functions of Program**

The normal functions of most electrical maintenance departments are to:

- A. Maintain equipment records.
- B. Inspect equipment.
- C. Routine tasks.
- D. Follow a schedule to maintain equipment at the lowest cost with a minimum interruption to production.
- E. Maintain work order system.
- F. Perform emergency work as required.

The operating procedures out-

lined hereafter cover all the above work.

#### Purpose of Program

The purpose of a maintenance department is to prevent interruptions to the production processes. This can be best achieved by a productive maintenance program. The program will permit management, not the equipment, to decide when repairs are to be made.

It is the aim of this program to schedule 90 per cent of the work being performed. This will result in efficient utilization of manpower and equipment. It will lead to lower costs and increased production

#### Records and Files

The foundation of any maintenance program lies in adequate equipment records. You cannot adopt a scheduled program until you know what requires maintenance.

The form of the equipment record varies with different plants and individuals. The form should have the following:

- a. The equipment number.
- b. Complete nameplate data.
- c. Date of purchase and purchase order number.
- d. Spare parts data, and reference



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drawing and instruction book

- e. Location of installation.
- f. Subsequent location changes.
- g. Complete case history.

The case history is particularly important. It should be diligently maintained and should include information on the following: 1—Breakdowns, 2—Repairs and overhauls, 3—Replacement of parts, 4—Major periodic inspections.

## Part 1 in this issue -- Functions, Purpose, Description Part 2 to follow -- Planning and Scheduling Work

Many organizations make entries for all lubrication checks, load checks, and routine inspections on the same form. The distinction between routine and periodic inspections will be covered under "Inspections."

#### Motor Records

The motor record form should include all the major statistical and nameplate information required. Additional information, if desirable, can be entered under the remarks section.

#### Starter Records

Starter equipment records can be kept on separate cards or on the same card with the associated motor.

The points in favor of maintaining separate record cards are: Starters are more vulnerable to breakdown than motors; consequently, case histories and a record of periodic checks are important. Separate records eliminate the necessity for cross-reference to the old motor card if the motor and associated starter are separated.

The points in favor of a combined motor and starter equipment record are: One file is eliminated and motor and starter troubles cannot be separated at times. Under the separate card system dual entries are required and cross-reference is required for complete case histories. Routine work and inspections may be made on the motor and starter as one operating unit. A Standard Equipment Record Card for all equipment and starters is shown in Exhibit "A."

#### Log Books

In adidtion to the equipment record of the individual pieces of equipment, a separate log book giving the case history of each major installation such as a pumping station, grinder plant, large dragline, dryer installation, etc., should be maintained.

#### **Record Files**

There are several file systems in common use today. One file is set up for various equipment types. For example, all motors would be grouped into horsepower, speed, voltage, then equipment number.

An equipment type file provides:

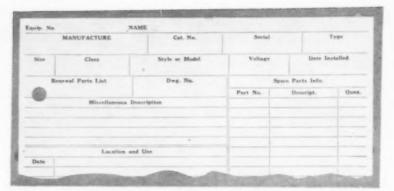


Exhibit A - Equipment record card.

Inventory of similar equipment, 2 — Information for transfer of equipment in the event of a breakdown and the availability of spares, 3 — Information to control spare parts levels.

An equipment type file should only be used where a duplicate record in an area file system is used.

#### Area File Method

The equipment records in an area system are filed by (a) building, (b) floor, (c) area, (d) type, and (e) equipment number. Individual equipment records are located easier in this system. It has the additional advantage that area inspection programs can be readily established and recorded.

#### **Equipment Number File**

The "Number" file is set up numerically by company equipment numbers without regard to equipment type or rating. This system is convenient for property record purposes. It has little value to the maintenance department.

#### Combination Type File

This system is recommended for a small maintenance department. It is the best system where clerical help is not available for duplicate records.

#### Routine Inspection

A routine inspection is defined as a check not requiring disassembly of equipment. This routine inspection is performed weekly, every repair day, or similar intervals of time on a routine basis.

This inspection should be done on an area basis. Minor items should be repaired at the time of inspection. Major items are called to the attention of the electrical maintenance superintendent, who will schedule the necessary work.

Inspection check lists should be prepared for each piece of equipment. Use of check lists will insure adequate inspections.

Paper work can be reduced and inspections improved by making a routine inspection check list for each type of equipment. A routine check list for the FK-142 breaker is shown in Exhibit "B." The electrician uses this check list in his inspection. He makes all the minor repairs and adjustments at the time of inspection and only reports major items needing attention.

Time is saved by making all routine inspections on an area basis and using an "Area Routine Inspection Sheet." This should be a multi-column sheet. The first column will have a tabulation of the equipment numbers, second column will have the name of the equipment and subsequent columns will have space for date and initials of the inspector for each routine inspection.

With the above system, it is not necessary to list the inspection under the case history of the equipment.

Equipment which can be shut down without seriously hampering production can be checked at any time. The equipment which halts production will have to be checked on repair days or, preferably, during periods when the plant is down due to mechanical failures or other reasons.

The inspection team should be kept flexible to take advantage of

_ :	C-142 Oil Circuit Breaker DE, GEI-12010G, & GEI-16393C
Car No.	FK-142 CCB No.
Location	-
	f Inspection & Preventive Main- Circuit Breakers. The check list
The remedy listed is intento to the various parts of the brea	ded to note exactly what is done ker.
Be sure that all electrica all bolts, nuts, pins, etc.	l connections are tight and, also
There is a space reserved Remarks. This is intended to go done to the breaker which is not may have.	at the end of this list for t your ideas on what should be listed, or any other ideas you
I, Cl	esing
A. Relays (X & Y)  1. Electrical Connections a. tight b. loose c. other d. Remedy	3. Contacts a. clean b. dirty c. need changing d. other e. Femedy
2. Shunts a. Flexibility O.K.	4. Coeration

Exhibit B - Routine check list.

plant down time. Repair days are normally crowded days and should not be extended for routine inspections.

#### Periodic Inspections

Periodic inspections are detailed inspections which require dismantling of equipment. They may require critical time consuming tests and adjustments to equipment. These inspections should be made from detailed check lists.

The electrician should complete the form and turn it in to the electrical maintenance superintendent. The superintendent will indicate to the clerk which items, if any, should be entered into the case history of the equipment record card. The work performed during periodic inspections should be recorded under the case history.

A tabulation should be made of all equipment requiring periodic inspections showing frequency of inspection. A schedule and calendar reminder can then be established. The schedule should distribute these inspections throughout the year.

#### Routine Work

The electricians do certain routine jobs such as cleaning, lamp replacement, periodic meter reading, load checks, routine check of operations, some lubrication, complete time sheets, and similar chores.

This type of work should be assigned on a routine basis. It should not be necessary to schedule this work daily. Time for such duties must be allowed in the productive maintenance schedule.

#### Scheduled Work

As mentioned earlier in the report, the aim should be to schedule 90 per cent of the work being performed by the department. The following types of work should be scheduled on a work order system.

#### Periodic Overhaul

This work will be done on a work order system. The overhaul is planned six months to a year in advance and based on periodic inspection reports, experience, and case histories. The ultimate aim is to thoroughly overhaul every piece of equipment before it breaks down.

#### Assigned Work

This work covers repairs, replacements, relocations, minor changes, pit moves, accompanying equipment in transit, etc. It should be done on a work order system. The work should be planned and scheduled several days in advance; it is assigned on a priority system.

#### **Capital Improvements**

This work should be done on a work order system. It should be fitted into the maintenance schedule. The engineer or operating department responsible for the work should outline the work as early as possible. If the work schedule is overloaded, this work should be contracted to outside companies if possible. Otherwise temporary or extraordinary crews may have to be recruited.

The remaining section of this article (Part 2) will appear in an early issue. Planning and scheduling will be covered.

### Automatic Roof Cooling

our original April Showers installation was made when the first building was erected in 1949. Since then, we have added two more buildings, so that we now have about 60,000 sq ft of roof surface cooled by April Showers automatic roof cooling systems. These spray systems have enabled us to air condition our plant with units smaller than would be required if we did not have automatic roof cooling systems.

Maintenance on these systems consists mainly of the winter shutdown when the end caps of the feeder lines are removed and the system is drained, and then, of course, the replacing of the end caps and putting the system in operation the following spring. Also. about twice during the summer, the spray head caps are loosened to flush out the heads. This can easily be done by one man in less than a day's time. A few drops of oil discreetly placed on the lever fulcrums of the operating valves reduces trouble at this point.

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## **Effective Scheduling of Shutdown Repairs**

THE MANNER in which the main-

tenance control department handles the scheduling of shutdown repairs can well mean the difference in hundreds of tons of production and thousands of dollars in labor and material expenditures each year for a continuous process industry.

For example, a pulp or paper mill must operate on a continuous basis for economy. But it doesn't require the wisdom of a Solomon for the average person to realize that a rotating mass of iron and steel, operating twenty-four hours per day seven days per week, month in and month out, will demand adjustments, repairs and overhauls.

The quality and quantity of the product output and the manufacturing cost per unit of production depends greatly on the efficiency of the maintenance programming and the ability of the maintenance crews to carry out these plans in the field. Therefore the scheduling of shutdown repairs is of prime importance to any maintenance control program.

Before going further, may I acquaint you with the meaning of the word "shutdown" to the writer, in association with the maintenance of a pulp and paper mill. "Shutdown" to the writer means that equipment is down and production is affected. Whether this equipment is one unit, a machine, a department, or the entire mill, is secondary insofar as defining the word "shutdown" is concerned. These factors only serve to determine the magnitude of the situation.

The urgency lies in the fact that equipment is down, repairs must be made, and the equipment put back into production as soon as possible. There are only two types of shutdowns:

- 1. The emergency breakdown
- 2. The planned shutdown

#### **Emergency Breakdown**

The emergency breakdown not only means a loss to production,

but that repairs will be made on an unplanned basis. Unplanned means disorganized, and an emergency breakdown on a disorganized basis means a longer delay and greater cost than is necessary.

If the maintenance control department is functioning as it should with complete cooperation from the operating superintendents, an emergency breakdown can usually be turned into a planned shutdown in less than thirty minutes.



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The following course of action is very effective:

- 1. Determine the nature of the breakdown.
- 2. Dispatch only the manpower necessary to make the repairs, no on-lookers
- Determine other equipment, departments, and sections of departments affected.
- Have the maintenance scheduler pull all shutdown jobs from the schedule board for areas affected.
- Sort these jobs by area and maintenance trade.
- 6. While items 4 and 5 are being done, secure a reliable estimate

of the length of time required to effect the emergency repairs.

- Pull those shutdown jobs by trade and area which conform to the estimated emergency down time.
- 8. Total the manpower required.
- Pull the necessary manpower from routine scheduled work.
- 10. Dispatch this manpower to these jobs.

After the repairs have been made, all manpower should be instructed to return to the regular scheduled work. By taking advantage of emergency breakdowns in the prescribed manner, many necessary shutdowns can be avoided.

#### Planned Shutdown

A shutdown can be planned for two hours or several days, depending on the work load, the size of the maintenance crew available, and the nature of the work. There are times in nearly all types of industry when it is necessary for operation to shut down equipment for short durations to replace worn parts. For example, in the paper industry we must occasionally replace:

- 1. Fourdrinier wires
- 2. Washer wires
- 3. Machine clothing, etc.

These shutdowns can be determined in advance. The maintenance department should take every advantage of this operational down time to effect other repairs. If the work is carefully planned, big jobs may be done during this time, such as the replacement of large pipe lines, the changing of motors, gear reducers, etc.

The secret lies in being prepared. Take for instance, the replacement of an eight inch all welded pipe line:

- Secure all measurements while the machine is running.
- 2. Lay out, fabricate, and test the replacement section.
- 3. Hoist the replacement section into position and tie it off.
- Erect the necessary scaffolds, and move the equipment, such as

welding machines, cutting torches, etc., into position.

- Schedule a pipefitter and welder for each tie-in prior to the scheduled "wire change."
- 6. Have the crews standing by when the machine goes down.
  - 7. Cut the old section out.
  - 8. Swing the new section in, and
- 9. Make the two welds.

The above is a very simple example. The extended shutdown, whether for one machine, a department, or the entire plant, entails more complications and calls for more intricate plans.

The entire plant should never go down for an extended shutdown so long as there is a backlog of orders. Some production can be maintained in most plants at all times, unless a power failure occurs.

An extended shutdown in any mill should be avoided for the following reasons:

- 1. There is a complete loss of production.
- 2. The normal maintenance crew cannot possibly cover the situation effectively, therefore
- If all the work requested is to be performed by the regular maintenance crew, the down time and expense involved will be economically prohibitive.

The down time required on any shutdown is in direct proportion to the man-hours of work to be performed, as opposed to man-hours available for scheduling.

Work requiring that the entire mill be down, such as repairs to certain steam headers, power lines, etc., should be given top priority for shut down during holidays. In scheduling work for such occasions as July 5th, the day after Labor Day, etc., these jobs should be manned first. The remaining crew should be scheduled on shutdown work in the following order, where:

- One or more departments are affected.
  - 2. A machine is affected.
- 3. A unit of equipment is af-

The real savings in the planning of shutdown work is in obtaining maximum production month in and month out. The extended shutdown is a tool to be used in accomplishing this end, not on a mill-wide basis, but on a depart-

#### To: ALL DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS

#### Subject: BLEACH PLANT SHUTDOWN

The Bleach Plant will be down from 8:00 A.M., May 5, until 8:00 A.M., May 14, due to a special run of unbleached stock.

This department will be available to Maintenance to effect shutdown repairs during this period.

Maintenance work will begin as shown in this schedule at 8:00 A.M., May 5, and be completed by 4:30 P.M., May 13.

The following manpower will be necessary to effect these repairs.

TRADE	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	MON. 12	TUE.
Millwrights	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Welders	0	1	2	2	-2	2	2
Pipefitters	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Instrument	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Carpenters	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yard Crew	3	3	3	3	3	3	-3

NO OVERTIME WILL BE WORKED ON THIS SHUTDOWN WITHOUT THE AUTHORI-ZATION OF THE MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT. Regular off days (Set. & Sun.) will be observed.

Best Carson

Bert Carson, Maintenance Planner

#### Cover sheet for detailed shutdown maintenance plan.

mental or machine basis, depending on their functions in view of the overall production picture. The thinking behind this statement being that a plant has a maintenance crew for the purpose of maintaining the plant, not to build it.

This crew, if efficiently controlled, could conceivably rebuild the plant over a period of time, if it became necessary. In order to do this, and at the same time maintain a reasonable degree of production, a well organized, long range planning program will be necessary.

This type planning is not for an amateur. It demands the services of an expert who has complete cooperation from the entire management team. Once the preparatory plans have been formulated and approved, the planning crew should concentrate on one section of the plant at the time, preferably that section which is amassing the highest delay due to emergency

breakdowns.

All parts and supplies should be expedited. Fabrications should be completed and delivered to, or in close proximity to, their intended location. Scaffolds should be erected and fire extinguishers placed in strategic locations.

#### **Estimating and Planning**

Each job should be estimated for actual shutdown time. The planning crew should lay out the shutdown. A meeting of all management personnel affected should be called. The maintenance controller should go over the entire shutdown in detail at this meeting, covering such items as:

- 1. The length of major jobs.
- 2. The starting and completing time of each job.
- 3. The date the shutdown will begin.
- The approximate date and time when the work will be completed and the department turned

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09	PBA	016	7029	98	Repair Durco Acid pump at acid tank. Install Mechanical Seal.	5	A .	<										8
09	MIX	006	7025	98	Add a ring of packing to radial flow sizer.		A	10	40									4
09	FDR	000	7024	98	Ne-pack air pressure feeder.		A		**									4
09	WSH	001	7020	98	Renew necessary bands on bleach wester 001. He- pair or renew facing wire as necessary.	2	ă.			4->								8
09	WSH	003	7021	98	Renew necessary bands on bleach washer OGS. Repeir or renew facing wire as necessary.	2	A				44							à.
09	VSII	003	7022	98	Henew necessary bands on bleach washer 003. He- pair or renew facing wire as necessary.	2	A				40							4
09	MSS	cok	7023	98	Henew necessary bands on blench washer OCA. Repair or renew facing wire as necessary.	2	A					K.P.						4
09	TIC		7015	98	install a hoist for reising the explosion scals on top of #1 and #2 Clo_ reactor, safety device when power goes off.	2,6	Á									->		16
09	MOB	121	7003		Pree up anchor & adjusting bolts on motor MCB 121 to countic steam mixer. For tightening "Y" belts.		В											
09	NOB	122	7004		Free up anchor & adjusting bolts on motor, MOB 120 to caustic stess mixer. For tightening "V" belts.		В	44										
09	10.225	123	7005		Free up anchor & adjusting bolts on motor, MCB 123 to hypo steam mixer. For tightening "V" belts.		R		6-5									
09	MOB	124	7006		Free up enchor & adjusting bolts on motor, MOB 12% to hypo steam mixer. For tightening "F" belts.				4.0									

One of the detail sheets showing assignment of men for carrying out jobs during the shudown.

back over to operation for startup.

Once these plans have been approved by management, it will be necessary for the maintenance supervisors of the respective trades to hold shutdown meetings for their crews, covering

- The scope and aim of the overall shutdown.
- 2. The jobs pertaining to their particular craft.
- The safety measures to be taken in performing a safe shutdown.

The maintenance controller who supervised the planning of the shutdown should be present at each of these meetings for the purpose of answering any questions pertaining to the coordination of various crafts on individual jobs.

The cover sheet, which accompanies the written shutdown plan, should clearly state the number of men required by crafts to perform the shutdown maintenance work. If the down time, from the beginning of the shutdown until its completion, is less than one twenty-four hour day, the number of men required by each craft should be shown for each hour. If the length of the shutdown is longer, the cover sheet should depict the

required manpower by shifts or days.

Once the shutdown is in progress, the plan should not be varied without the knowledge of the management personnel affected, both operational and maintenance.

#### Changes in Plans

When a cause for varying the shutdown schedule occurs, in almost every case it erupts from additional work which was not anticipated. Usually this work is of an exteremely high priority nature and the situation demands that repairs be made before the equipment can be made operative. However, regardless of how demanding the situation is, there are proper channels to go through before the shutdown schedule should be changed, and these channels should be exercised, i.e.

- 1. The maintenance superintendent and the operating superintendent should first determine if the additional work is of a shutdown nature.
- The maintenance superintendent should determine the crafts involved and the time required to effect the repairs.

If it is a job of comparatively short duration, there is a good chance that a scheduled job with the necessary tradesmen will be far enough ahead of schedule to sandwich this adidtional work in without affecting the overall shutdown.

If the work is of such a nature that major repairs or alterations are necessary, a meeting should be called with the manager of operations, the operating superintendent, the maintenance controller, the maintenance superintendent, and the maintenance foremen of the crafts involved.

- The nature of the work should be stated.
- The time required to effect the repairs should be determined.

One of two possible choices must be settled on in this meeting, i.e., whether to:

- Delay the start-up of the machine until the repairs can be made.
- 2. Remove comparable manhours from the shutdown schedule.

Should the first course be elected, the meeting will have served its purpose. Should the second course be elected, the manager of operations, the department superintendent, and the maintenance

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## Cooling Tower Service Check-Chart .....

THIS CHECK-CHART is designed to assist industrial cooling tower operators in analyzing a major part of service difficulties that may arise. It was compiled by John E. King, P. E., who is in charge of the Service Engineering section of the Marley Company (one of the country's leading cooling tower manufacturers) and reflects his observations of service problems in hundreds of industrial plants. A detailed program of preventive maintenance for towers by Mr. King will appear in a later issue.



The heart and lungs of your cooling tower — motor, speed reducer and fan.

TROUBLE	CAUSE	REMEDY							
	Sludged lubricant	Drain and flush with light flushing oil. Select flushing oil from lubricant supplier's recom- mended flushing oil compatible with lubricant used. Do not operate under load. Drain and clean interior parts. Refill with oil. See Geareducer service manual.							
Geareducer Moise	Geareducer bearings	If new, see if noise disappears after one wee of operation. Drain, flush, and refill Geare ducer. See Geareducer service manual. If stil noisy, replace.							
	Gears	Correct tooth engagement. Replace badly wor gears. Replace gears with imperfect toot spacing or form.							
	Loose bolts and cap screws	Tighten all bolts and cap screws on all mechanical equipment and supports.							
	Unbalanced drive shaft or worn couplings	Make sure motor and Geareducer shafts are proper alignment and "match marks" proper matched. Repair or replace worn couplings. Rebalance drive shaft by adding or removing weights from balancing cap screws. See drives shaft service manual.							
Unusual Fan Drive Vibration	Fan	Be sure blades are properly positioned in correct sockets. (See match numbers.) Make certain all blades are as far from center of fan as safety devices permit. All blades must be pitched the same. See Fan service manual. Clean off deposit build-up on blades.							
	Worn gear reduction unit bearings	Check fan and pinion shaft endplay.							
	Unbalanced motor	Disconnect load and operate motor. If moto still vibrates, rebalance rotor.							
	Bent shaft	Make sure fan and pinion shafts are straight and properly aligned							
	Loose fan hub cover	Tighten hub cover fasteners.							
Fan Noise	Loose boards on inside of fan cylinder	Check and tighten if necessary.							
	Loose bolts in blade clamps	Check and tighten if necessary.							

TROUBLE	CAUSE	REMEDY					
	Power not available at motor terminals	Check all connections and contacts betwee the control apparatus and the motor.     Make sure overload and short circuit devicare in proper condition.					
M-A M111	Wrong connections	Check motor and control connections agains wiring diagrams.					
Motor Will Not Start	Low voltage	Check nameplate voltage against power suppl Check voltage at motor terminals.					
	Open circuit in motor winding	Check stator windings for open circuits.					
	Motor or fan drive stuck	Disconnect motor from load and try to start it					
	Rotor defective	Look for broken bars or rings.					
Unusual Motor	Motor running single phase	Stop motor and attempt to start it. Motor wil not start if single phased. Check wiring, con crols, and motor.					
	Motor leads connected incorrectly	Check motor connections against wiring diagra on motor.					
Moise	Ball bearings	Check lubrication. Replace bad bearings.					
	Electrical unbalance	Check voltages and currents of all three lines Correct if required.					
	Air gap not uniform	Check and correct bracket fits or bearing.					
	Rotor unbalance	Rebalance.					
	Motor overload, wrong voltage or unbalanced voltage	Check voltage and current of all three lines against nameplate values.					
	Wrong power frequency	Check nameplate against power supply. Check rpm of motor.					
	Bearings overgreased	Remove grease reliefs. Run motor up to speed to purge excessive grease.					
	Rotor rubs stator bore	If not poor machining, replace worn bearings					
	Wrong lubricant in bearings	Change to proper lubricant. See motor manufacturer's instructions.					
Motor Runs Hot	One phase open	Stop motor and attempt to start it. Motor wil not start if single phased. Check wiring con trols and motor.					
	Poor ventilation	Clean motor and check ventilation openings Allow ample ventilation around motor.					
	Winding fault	Check with ohmmeter.					
	Bent motor shaft	Straighten or replace shaft.					
	Insufficient grease	Remove plugs and regrease bearings.					
	Deterioration of or foreign material in grease	Flush bearings and relubricate.					
	Bearings damaged	Replace bearings.					
Notor Does Not	Voltage too low at motor ter- minals because of line drop	Use higher voltage on transformer terminals or reduce load.					
Come Up To Speed	Broken rotor bars	Look for cracks near the rings. A new rotor may be required.					
Wrong Rotation (Motor)	Wrong sequence of phases	Change any two of the three motor leads.					

## **LUBRICATION STANDARDIZATION**

## A Ten Point Program that Works

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BILLIONS of dollars were spent

during World War II and the post-war period in the construction of new industrial facilities throughout this nation. It was but a few years after the surge of this industrial development that costs for new plants were being evaluated and great significance placed upon maintenance engineering by industrial management.

It was realized that in order to maintain productive efficiency and to meet increased industrial development in the years to come, it was necessary for every manager to take a second look at his operating expense dollar. It can be said that many millions of dollars were being spent unnecessarily at that time due to an ineffective maintenance engineering program — and in a good many cases the same is true today.

When we speak of maintenance engineering it is necessary that we look at all operating phases of the business. We must look at the building structure and the associated mechanically operated equipment. We must look at the manufacturing machinery installations and the many components that are a part of these facilities, including that equipment necessary for providing plant services. In general, it is necessary that we consider the plant operation as a whole.

To consider a maintenance engineering program along one line and to neglect another, would leave the overall job poorly done. It is with this theme in mind that we present a ten-point industrial lubrication standardization program

Telephone cable manufacturing operation at the Baltimore Works of Western Electric.



Air View of Western Electric Baltimore Plant

dollar.

the future.



You are undoubtedly familiar with the many programs that have been presented by the refining industry. To go into each one of these programs would be repeating what you have already seen and heard. It is our desire to present a program for industry that can be initiated today, remain fresh in our minds tomorrow and continue to produce dividends for

The plan to be presented has been prepared so that any one industry could very effectively establish a productive program. We particularly stress the importance of following each step until the results of each objective are established

### STEP 1-PREPARE AN OVER-ALL SUMMARY OF LUBRI-CANTS WHICH ARE PRESENT-LY USED AND IN STOCK IN THE PLANT

A complete investigation should be conducted of all lubricants which are in use, including their specifications. This information would then be summarized by type of lubricant, such as oils, greases and any special lubricant products.

### STEP 2-EVALUATE THE OVER-ALL COST OF THE PRESENT LUBRICATION SYSTEM

In the evaluation of the present lubrication system, in addition to lubricant cost, it is important to remember that storage facilities, methods of lubrication, and the frequency of lubrication must be considered in the cost of the present lubrication system.

Upon completion of Steps 1 and

2 an overall picture of the lubrication situation will be obtained at the plant location. This is basic data and the analysis of this information should be thorough.

### STEP 3-PRESENTATION OF A PROPOSED PROGRAM

It will be fairly obvious upon review of the present lubrication procedures in the plant that certain economies can be realized by establishing a revised lubrication system. The justification for presentation of a proposed program will be based upon a return on investment

Speaking generally, a brief look at present lubrication lists will indicate that probably 30 to 100 oils and greases are in stock. Certainly with an investment of this magnitude, savings can be realized in reduced inventory alone.

The establishment of a program cannot be undertaken by one man alone. It must be a concerted team effort on the part of all responsible for lubrication standards in the plant. Maintenance routines must be reviewed and personnel qualifications analyzed. Machinery specifications must be scrutinized for proper lubricant application.

Misuse of lubricants must be corrected.

All of these preliminary investigations are time consuming, but are absolutely necessary to formulate a sound and constructive program.

This information, well supported with facts, will result in a well prepared presentation to Management. We are now ready to outline a program.

### STEP 4-THE PROGRAM

The program should take form along the following lines:

- 1. Initiate a report outlining the inefficiencies and uneconomical procedures of the present lubrication system.
- 2. Solicit outside assistance from the refining companies to survey the plant lubrication procedures. The refining companies have certainly put their best foot forward to aid and assist industry in a better understanding of lubrication procedures and routines.
- Present to Management an overall report outlining the present and proposed programs.

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 Initiate proposed program and make it effective.

## STEP 5—FIX RESPONSIBILITY FOR LUBRICATION PROCE-DURES

Upon approval to initiate a new program it is necessary to fix the responsibility for proper control. Regardless of how well procedures are outlined and presented, results will depend largely on its control. Each member of the lubrication study team must be vitally interested in his phase of the responsibility. The responsibility can be distributed as follows:

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- Maintenance Engineer—Maintains control for all lubrication procedures, keeping abreast of all new or novel developments in proper lubrication techniques.
- Maintenance Supervisor —
   Trains and supervises lubrication personnel to effectively maintain equipment in accordance with procedures and techniques established by the Lubrication and Maintenance Engineers.

#### STEP 6-CONTROL OF COSTS

It is certain that the Lubrication and Maintenance Engineers will be called upon to present cost studies of the program. Consideration should be given to maintenance of the following records:

- Card index for cost of all lubricants and ordering frequency.
- Card index on lubrication procedure handbook for each piece of equipment with accurate data of lubrication history.

This information will bring to light any ineffective phase of the program such as: whether lubricants should be purchased in larger quantity for economy; downtime of equipment; inadequate lubrication devices, etc. The next four steps in the lubrication standardization program cover engineering and administration of the program.

### STEP 7—SELLING THE PLAN TO ENGINEERING

In order for a program such as presented here to be effective it is necessary that all engineering groups be given a complete summary of the objectives. They must be kept informed periodically, so to speak, of the progress of the overall program. Placing others on the team will greatly assist in the rapid progress of establishing uniform control of the new lubrication procedures.

### STEP 8-MAINTAINING COM-MUNICATION

In order to function properly, direct communication must be maintained between the lubrication engineer, the maintenance engineer, the maintenance supervisor

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## How to Avoid

## **Boiler Feedline Deposits**

BOILER FEEDLINE deposits have

long been and still are one of the operational problems frequently encountered in the production of steam whether it be in industry, in utility plants or in simple heating jobs. The problem is more serious, of course, in some plants than in others.

Hardness in the feedwater causes scale deposits to form on boiler heat exchange surfaces. In similar fashion, caused by temperature increases, hardness can also deposit scale in boiler feedwater lines. The problem is not unusual in boiler feedwater systems using the effluent from hot or cold lime-

soda or hot phosphate softeners as 100% makeup. After-precipitation in the effluent from filters following the lime-soda units and less than top efficiency in filter operation after hot phosphate units frequently result in feedline deposits. Serious corrosion in condensate return systems contribute to or may be entirely responsible for the same difficulty.

Hardness in water is due to the soluble salts present. Cations such as calcium, magnesium, iron, aluminum, manganese, etc., produce hardness while anions such as chlorides, sulfates, nitrates, carbonates and bicarbonates do not

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add to the hardness, but only to the dissolved solids content of the water.

The principal hardness producing salts are those of calcium and magnesium with iron and aluminum contributing only to a small degree in some waters. Normally, however, salts of iron and aluminum together with the salts of other heavy metals produce so little increase in hardness that hardness in water is generally taken as the sum of the calcium and magnesium ions expressed in terms of calcium carbonate.

In boiler plant operation, high hardness in the raw water should be lowered by external treatment such as cold lime or lime-soda softening, hot lime or hot lime-soda, hot lime-hot zeolite or by cation exchange zeolite softening. The external treatment system chosen should be carefully engineered for each job so as to provide the best makeup water for each plant's operating conditions at the least cost based upon the expected life of the plant.

Reasonable hardness content of the makeup water can be satisfactorily controlled by use of proper internal boiler feedwater treatment. Proper use of the available inorganic precipitating agents such as the phosphates and either soda ash or caustic soda together with organic sludge conditioning agents will assure the precipitation of feedwater hardness in the boiler water and the formation of a fluid and non-adherent sludge.

Even with external treatment properly applied, however, deposits may develop in the boiler feedline. This condition is always trouble-some and frequently can prove dangerous if deposits develop to the extent that they prevent an adequate supply of boiler feedwater from reaching the boilers.

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Fig. 1—Sections of 8-inch diameter feedline showing calcium phosphate deposits.



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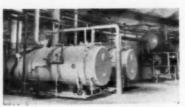
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ciency. Further, in order to overcome the friction loss caused by the deposits, increased boiler feed pump pressure is required.

Feedline deposits may also interfere with the normal operation of automatic feedwater regulators causing abnormal changes in boiler water level, carryover of boiler water solids in the steam, or low water damage.

Calcium carbonate and calcium phosphate are the most common constituents of deposits in boiler feedlines. Iron oxides may also be present and occasionally, under unusual conditions, deposits of calcium silicate, magnesium silicate and organic compounds of calcium and iron, such as the tannates, may contribute largely to the total deposit. Feedline deposits may also arise from mechanical conditions which permit silt, bits of cloth, gasket material, filter medium and other debris to enter the boiler feedwater system.

#### Calcium Carbonate

Deposition of calcium carbonate in the boiler feedline will result when the pH of saturation of calcium carbonate is exceeded. The pH at which a water is saturated with respect to calcium carbonate may be calculated by means of Langelier's Equation. This equation, which taken into consideration such factors as pH value, calcium ion concentration, total alkalinity, total dissolved solids and the temperature at which the water is used, permits prediction with remarkable accuracy as to whether calcium carbonate deposits will be laid down.

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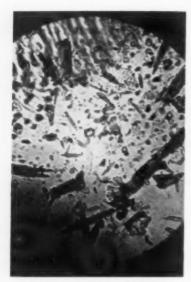


Fig. 2 — Calcium carbonate scale crystals at 450 magnifications.

soda softener units, operating either in the cold or hot process, is saturated with respect to calcium carbonate at the temperature of the softening operation. Since the solubility of calcium carbonate decreases with an increase in temperature, calcium carbonate will be precipitated from solution and deposited as scale in closed heaters and economizers when feedwater temperature increases through these units.

The tendency for precipitation of calcium carbonate is reduced when the softened water, after filtration, is diluted with condensate return for reuse as boiler feedwater. The condensate should be added to the softened water after filtration since, if introduced prior to the filters, it will merely redissolve the suspended calcium carbonate and may not relieve the the condition of calcium carbonate saturation in the filter effluent.

Raw water, high in hardness due primarily to soluble bicarbonates, frequently causes feedline deposits when used for boiler feedwater makeup. For every temperature, an equilibrium condition exists between the free carbon dioxide content of the water and the amount of calcium bicarbonate that can be held in solution. Even the slightest temperature increase, in some cases, is enough to offset equilibri-



Fig. 3 — Distortion of crystals by feed of an organic surface active agent.

um and result in precipitation of calcium carbonate deposits on heater trays, feedwater lines and in the boiler feed pumps.

Soda ash and caustic soda are frequently used to establish and maintain proper boiler water alkalinity and pH values. When fed continuously to the boiler feedline the equilibrium mentioned above is upset, since both tend to increase the alkalinity and pH of the feedwater, and often result in deposition of calcium carbonate even when feedwater temperature is slightly lowered by heat losses through piping.

However, where closed heaters or external economizers are in use, the continuous feed of alkaline materials to the boiler feedlines will definitely cause calcium carbonate deposits except where the hardness of the feedwater is low, as in the case of an effluent of a properly operating sodium zeolite softener.

In cases where appreciable hardness is present in the feedwater, the pH of saturation of calcium carbonate is exceeded by continuous feed of soda ash or caustic soda. The result is the precipitation of calcium carbonate from solution and the formation of deposits in the boiler feedline.

Any method which will lower the pH of saturation will reduce the possibility of feedline deposits. Recarbonation, continuous and carefully controlled feed of acid and use of inorganic and/or organic surface active agents are methods commonly used in control of this problem.

The recarbonation process simply consists of passing carbon dioxide gas through the water for the purpose of stablizing the pH of saturation and thus preventing precipitating of calcium carbonate. Where municipal supplies are lime or lime-soda softened before distribution, recarbonation is commonly used to hold calcium carbonate in solution.

Carbon dioxide added during recarbonation tends to convert the scale forming salts to their more soluble forms, reducing their tendency to precipitate. In the softening process, excess lime (calcium hydroxide) is converted to calcium carbonate. The calcium carbonate and the magnesium hydroxide remaining in solution to the limit of their solubility in the softener effluent are converted to the soluble bicarbonates of calcium and magnesium by reaction with carbon dioxide.

Carbon dioxide may be obtained from various sources such as natural gas and producer gas made from coke. Under certain conditions, stack gases may be satisfactorily used. Generally, any gas containing 4% or more of carbon dioxide can be used successfully for recarbonation.

The continuous and proportional feed of acid, usually sulfuric acid, to a lime or lime-soda softened makeup water relieves the oversaturated condition with respect to calcium carbonate and will prevent deposition in the boiler feedwater systems. However, careful control of acid feed is a "must" and proper feeding equipment is necessary to avoid the obvious hazards of acid treatment.

Where inadequate acid feed systems are used or insufficient attention is given, acid feed can be extremely dangerous to plant personnel and equipment. Makeshift feeding equipment is definitely not recommended for this purpose.

A much less hazardous and more commonly used method of preventing feedline deposits is the use of inorganic and/or organic





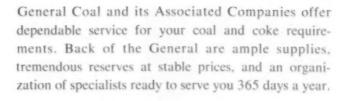








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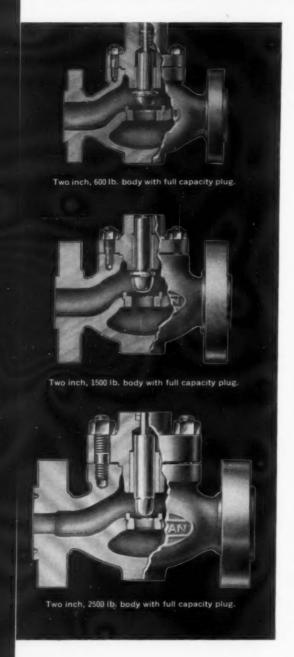
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surface active agents. Relatively small concentrations of the surface active agents, usually not more than 10 ppm, will serve to retain calcium carbonate in solution even when an oversaturated condition exists.

In municipal water distribution systems, deposits have been successfully controlled by addition of polyphosphate and/or other surface active agents. Concentrations of as little as 2 ppm have been adequate to inhibit precipitation of calcium carbonate and prevent deposition. The feed of polyphosphate and other surface active agents to boiler feedwater has also been successful in preventing boiler feedline deposits. Equipment for the feed of these materials to the boiler feedline can be relatively simple in construction and inexpensive.

The use of inorganic or organic surface active agents to prevent deposition is dependent on the power of the surface active agents to inhibit precipitation of calcium carbonate. The crystal distortion produced by organic agents is a large factor in retarding precipitation of calcium carbonate. Figure 2 shows, at 450 magnifications, calcium carbonate crystals formed at a heat transfer rate of 17,000 Btu per square foot per hour. Figure 3 illustrates the distortion of the crystal formed under the same conditions produced by feed of an organic surface active agent.

The various tannins, lignins and other surface active agents have shown considerable power in inhibiting calcium carbonate deposits in boiler feedwater lines. In many instances, best results have been secured through the use of blends of several of the surface active agents.

### Calcium Phosphate

Deposits of calcium phosphate are frequently encountered in boiler feedwater lines. These deposits may result from several sources. Where the feedwater supply is the effluent from a hot phosphate softener, any increase in temperature after the softener will result in further precipitation of calcium phosphate in the feedline. Calcium phosphate may also be precipitated in the feedline where ortho phosphate is fed continuously or,

in some cases, even with shot feed of ortho phosphate through the boiler feedline.

Hot phosphate softeners are used in conjunction with hot lime-soda softening units. The alkalinity in the lime-soda effluent water is used to provide the necessary alkalinity to permit precipitation of calcium phosphate in the hot phosphate unit.

Since the operation of the hot phosphate unit requires an excess soluble phosphate, usually about 5 ppm to 10 ppm in the effluent water, this excess plus the alkalinity are the cause of after-precipitation of calcium phosphate in the boiler feedline with temperature increases.

Continuous or intermittent (shot) feed of phosphate of some type to the boiler feedline can cause feedline deposits of calcium phosphate. When the phosphate so fed is in the ortho form, the probability of calcium phosphate deposits increases. Even with the use of the glassy type of phosphates some reversion may take place and deposits develop. Some of these phosphates may revert more readily than others.

Thus, dependent on calcium hardness, temperature and retention time serious difficulties may arise when phosphates are fed continuously or by shot fashion through the boiler feedline. Introducing the phosphate only a few feet outside of the boiler drum does not prevent deposition of undesirable magnitude over a period of time. The speed of deposit formation is dependent on feedwater calcium hardness.

If zeolite softening is used or if the makeup water is of naturally low hardness the speed of deposit formation is greatly reduced or prevented entirely.

The tendency for precipitation of calcium phosphate from the effluent of a hot phosphate unit may be considerably reduced by dilution with condensate recovered for reuse as feedwater, provided the condensate is added after the filters. Addition of the condensate before the filters would only serve to dissolve some of the suspended calcium phosphate in the softener effluent and the filter effluent would remain saturated with calcium phosphate.

Acid is frequently used to prevent deposition of calcium phosphate in the feedline. As with limesoda softener effluents, a reduction of the alkalinity and pH values by the proportional feed of acid will bring about an undersaturated condition and calcium phosphate will not be precipitated from solution. The feed of the proper surface active agent or combination of surface active agents may also prevent calcium phosphate deposition.

The best method of introducing phosphate to a boiler water is by feeding continuously directly to the boiler drum, employing a small chemical pump. If it is not possible, for some good reason, to feed by this method it becomes necessary to resort to shot feed or to feed intermittently to the boiler feedwater line. This is usually accomplished by use of a by-pass shot feeder or by a time controlled high capacity chemical feed pump.

If treatment, required in large quantity, is added to the boiler feedline in a short period of time, the tendency to deposit calcium phosphate is reduced. It is of much importance, therefore, to make certain that the shot of treatment is added in a true shot fashion. Otherwise calcium phosphate will be precipitated and the method of feed would have the same objections as the continuous feed of phosphate to the boiler feedline.

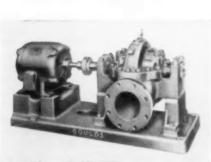
Feedline deposits may be inhibited by feeding certain organics or combination of organics with a phosphate type treatment. Where the feedwater is of low hardness, deposits can be prevented by this method.

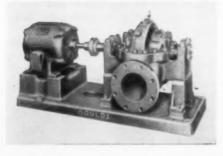
However, from an operating standpoint, it is not satisfactory merely to reduce the precipitation and formation of deposits of calcium phosphate since this only extends the eventual plugging of the feedline. The treatment must be formulated carefully to completely overcome any tendency of calcium deposition, either as the phosphate or carbonate, so that it does not become necessary to regularly clean the boiler feedline.

This requires a careful and complete evaluation of all factors involved before a prediction can be made with any degree of accuracy

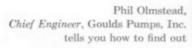








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Oxygen and/or carbon dioxide in the condensate systems cause serious corrosion in the return system. Oxygen may enter the return system through incomplete deaeration in the feedwater heater or by faulty operation of traps, receiver vents, valves, etc., in the return system.

Oxygen cannot be completely removed from boiler feedwater supplies through mechanical deaeration even with the most efficient type of deaerator. However, a combination of mechanical and chemical methods can satisfactorily remove all traces of oxygen ahead of the boilers and prevent corrosion in the boilers and return system.

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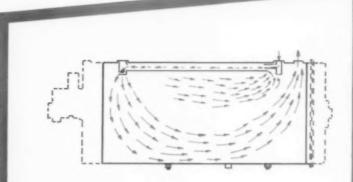
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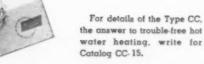




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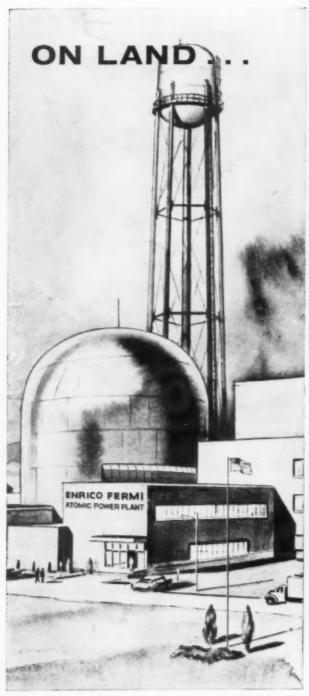
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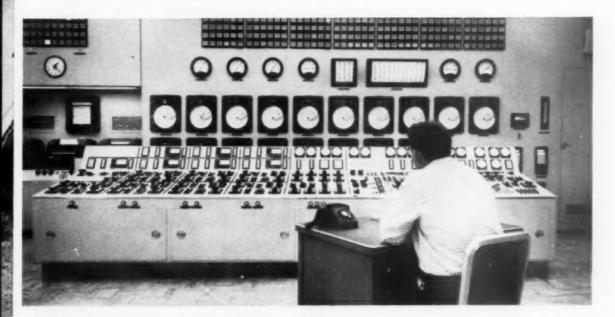
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Iron may be removed from raw water by means of several different methods or combination of methods. Oxidation by aeration or chemical reaction followed by coagulation, sedimentation and filtration will produce an effluent water satisfactorily low in iron content.

The external treatment of the raw makeup water to reduce hard-

ness and/or alkalinity, will also reduce iron content. A reduction in carbonate and bicarbonate alkalinity in the makeup water will reduce feedwater alkalinity, thereby reducing the amount of carbon dioxide produced in the steam, return line corrosion and the iron content of the feedwater.

Recently, after-treatment of the steam to prevent carbon dioxide attack has been highly successful in reducing return line corrosion. Filming amines and neutralizing amines are most widely used as after-treatments in controlling this problem.

Filming amines, which function by establishing a non-wettable film on metal surfaces in the condensate system, will protect the return system from both carbon dioxide and oxygen attack. Neutralizing amines react directly with carbon dioxide produced in the steam and are effective only against carbon dioxide attack.

The causes of feedline deposits, whether due to calcium carbonate, calcium phosphate or iron deposits are well known as are the methods required to inhibit or entirely prevent their formation.

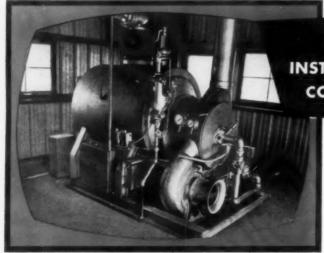
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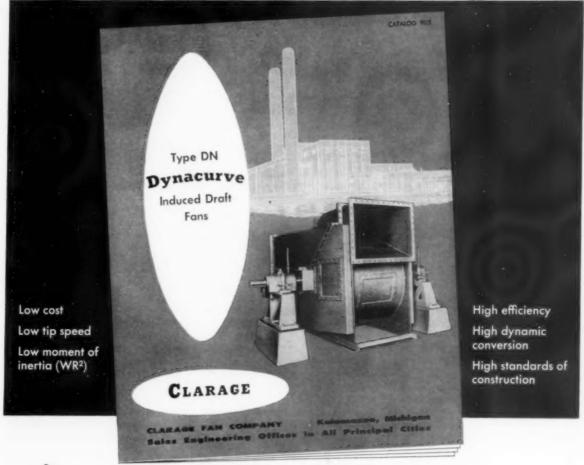
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# Instrument Engineering With Maintenance in Mind

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INSTRUMENTATION occupies an

increasingly critical relationship to total operating cost. The control system that meets all the performance requirements is just one factor in a satisfactory system design. It must also be sufficiently reliable to minimize downtime as much as possible.

A great deal has been written concerning the design of reliable systems, and I am sure you fully realize that reliability depends to a great extent on the ability of a service man to neutralize, directly or indirectly failures and shutdowns.

The broad scope of responsibilities attached to instrument maintenance will vary from plant to plant, but, in general, it can extend from complex computer and data handling systems to changing recorder charts.

Control system downtime can be very costly, and frequent interruptions can also cause operators to lose confidence in a system, and in a great many cases refuse to use it. Therefore, the control engineer must design to reduce failures by the selection of equipment and installation techniques, and to make it easy to locate trouble and make repairs.

The following discussion includes some basic characteristics of equipment and practical tips to minimize system interruptions and reduce downtime.

The control of flowing material produced and distributed in a plant depends to a great degree upon the accuracy and reliability of flow measuring devices. The instrument most frequently selected for this application is the differential pressure type.

### Flow Control

In measuring flow by means of a differential pressure drop, the primary flow element, which is inserted directly in the pipe, must be selected and designed to suit the exact conditions which exist for each installation.

Liquid flow should be measured at the point of highest pressure and lowest temperature to prevent vaporization. Saturated gas measurement should be avoided. Gas flow should be measured at the highest temperature and lowest pressure whenever possible to eliminate entrained liquids.

The three most frequently used differential producers or primary elements are the thin plate orifice, flow nozzle, and the venturi tube.

There is so much published data available concerned with the application, sizing, manufacture and installation of the fore mentioned primary elements, I do not feel it necessary or advisable to give a detailed discussion on this subject.

In general, we have found the thin plate concentric orifice is applicable for the majority of flow metering problems. For applications where small amounts of non-abrasive solids are present, i.e., five per cent or less, the eccentric orifice plate has a specific advantage. In addition, it is useful for measuring liquids which carry a small amount of gas, or for vapors or gases that carry small amounts of liquids. In either case, the orifice opening must be located at the top or the bottom of the pipe and the taps must be at 180 degrees or 90 degrees to the eccentric opening.

The flow nozzle will handle 60 per cent more flow than an orifice of the same diameter; therefore, it is more suitable for measurement at high velocity. In addition, due to its formed inlet, it is preferable to the orifice plate for handling fluids with small amounts of entrained solids and non-homogenous material.

The venturi tube is generally applied for measuring liquids containing large concentrations or solids, and where horsepower is a factor, due to its small permanent pressure loss.

Although there is very little data available from commercial use, the round edge or quadrant orifice plate appears to be a very practical method of measuring viscous liquids. The orifice edge has a rounded approach on its upstream side making it practically insensitive to viscosity changes as long as

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the throat Reynolds Number does not exceed two hundred and fifty thousand. For all practical purposes, it has a constant coefficient over the Reynolds Number range of five thousand to two hundred and fifty thousand. For those of you who wish a further study of this device, Taylor or Foxboro Instrument Companies can supply information.

The force-balance diaphragm type differential pressure device is generally used for flow measurement where transmission is necessary. Due to its minute displacement requiring such a small quantity of fluid to be transferred for the differential change, it is unwise to dampen pulsating flows at the valves in the hydraulic lines. The piping should be left wide open to the transmitter and damping applied to the output. We have found the liquid filled bellows deflection type more suitable for pulsating flow, and in addition, all those applications of flow measurement not suitable for the forcebalance diaphragm type.

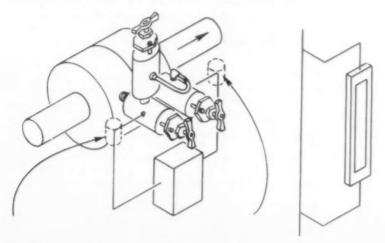
The magnetic meter, although not a head metering device, will give very satisfactory results for metering all types of liquids that are electrically conductive, and it is an excellent selection for those materials containing large percentages of sticky solids. Its accuracy is unaffected by Reynolds Number or viscosity, solid materials content, or by a wide range of velocity distribution patterns.

The variable area flow meter certainly must be considered, although its application to flow measurement has been used mostly for what is considered the hard to handle materials such as high temperature heavy viscous streams solids bearing and toxic streams, and corrosive and hazardous streams. Some of the outstanding features are a high degree of inherent accuracy and reproducibility, wide rangeability, and linear flow scale.

The use of seals, continuous purge systems, and steam tracing should be avoided wherever possible by selecting other suitable available instruments. Volumetric filled, permanently sealed systems can be used for protection with very satisfactory results to increase reliability and minimize maintenance difficulties. Filled systems consisting of a metallic diaphragm at the sensing point with liquid filled permanently sealed capillary tubing to the measuring device are available for pressure measurement, flow measurement, and level measurement.

View at left, diaphragm seal and volumetric filled capillary tubing in place of steam tracing or seals; and male end valves in lieu of pipe nipples and fittings with close couple piping to meter.

Right—Piping swing should be provided to prevent breakage of connecting nipples when operating temperatures exceed 450 F.



#### Shut-Down Devices

Automatic shut-down devices should be used only where extreme emergencies exist for the protection of equipment and where an operator would not have sufficient time to make the necessary corrective action manually. If an automatic shutdown system is felt necessary, all components and wiring should be separate from any other control circuit or measurements to simplify maintenance and prevent serious spurious shutdowns.

### Level Control

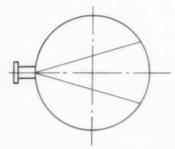
A gauge glass acts as a condenser when operating at a lower temperature than the tower to which it is attached. Long sections can cause breakage of nipples connecting the gauge glass to the tower, or if the gauge glass is removed for repair, it is very often found impossible to match the connections of the gauge glass to the vessel for replacement due to the differential expansion.

It has also been found that the gauge glass in high temperature service will give a misleading high reading. Per cent of high reading observed is dependent upon its length and size of free opening in the gauge glass column.

It is our practice never to exceed a gauge glass length of more than four feet. It can be very advantageous to specify level gauges with the same length gauge glasses throughout your plant; this will reduce warehousing to a minimum and most certainly benefit maintenance.

Level measurement of low boiling materials, that is, materials that boil at atmospheric temperature at operating pressure, can very effectively be measured by use of the differential meter. The cold fluid exposed to the atmosphere in meter leads will vaporize, thereby eliminating the use of seals or continuous purge.

The use of torque tube type level instruments should be discouraged when high velocity exists at the inlet or outlet piping. High velocity can set up harmonics with the torque tube and cause the instrument to be useless. We have experienced similar trouble with other devices which require a



Select vessel level connections to prevent liquid or vapor-liquid impingement.

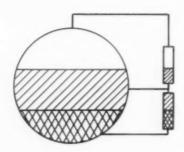
flapper and nozzle control pilot such as ball floats. This type of equipment was replaced by differential pressure instruments to correct the trouble. Applications where this trouble is found to be most comomn are compressor dry drums, evaporators, and flash drums.

External displacer type liquid level controllers in steam stripper applications can be extremely troublesome if not properly designed. The displacer will bounce up and down in the float cage caused by drops of water condensing on the top inside surface of the float cage, dropping to the bottom where they hit the oil, flashing the water to steam. This causes a sudden pressure rise in the cage, forcing the liquid level down with an almost immediate rise.

Usually this bouncing will cause the float arm to hit the mechanical stop, breaking the float arm or rupturing the torque tube. The most effective method to eliminate this is by the use of gas purge, or if gas purge is not available, steam tracing the float chamber may suffice.

Connections for level measurements should be located so that vapor or vapor liquid mixtures are not directed from feed nozzles so as to impinge and cause errors of measurement.

The location of connections in vessels for level measurement of two immiscible liquids must be set very carefully for best results, in most applications three connections will suffice. In this case, the bottom connection should be in the heavier material, and the top connection should be above the lighter material. An intermediate



Three vessel connections can be used for measuring two immiscible liquids.

connection is installed above the maximum interphase level expected and below the minimum level of the lighter liquid. This will permit both levels to equalize and give satisfactory readings. The bottom connection should be in the side of the vessel rather than in the bottom for self draining.

The use of capacitance for accurate level measurements has become very useful for measuring level of granular solid material, liquid oxygen, liquid nitrogen, liquid hydrogen, and many of the so-called hard to handle materials. Maintenance on the primary element should be small — leaving

only the electronic circuit as a maintenance problem.

The use of radioactive material is also becoming useful for accurate level measurement and should be investigated for applications where corrosive, highly toxic, slurry, or granular solids materials are involved.

## Temperature Measurement

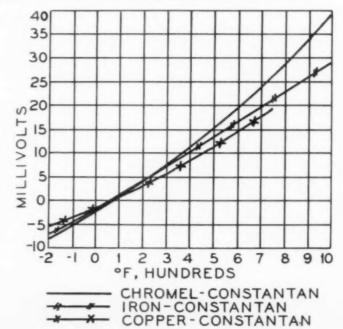
Standardization of thermocouple and thermometer well lengths can save many man-hours searching for a thermometer of suitable stem length and will permit standardization of thermocouple lengths. This also will again help to simplify and reduce warehousing.

Where difficulty is expected because of the oxidation of the iron wire in an iron constantan thermocouple, or a dual range instrument is not desirable, a very little publicized thermocouple can be used, the chromel constantan couple. This thermocouple has very good thermo-electric characteristics over a range from subzero temperatures to plus 100 F.

#### **Pneumatic Instruments**

To get the best results from pneumatic instrumentation, they must have a continuous, clean and

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dry supply of air. Pneumatic instruments are designed for precision service; therefore, they must contain extremely small nozzles, orifices, and restrictions. A precisely machined orifice, designed to pass air at a certain rate, will not pass liquid at the same rate. The instrument response will be greatly affected by moisture in air lines.

### **Electronic Controls**

The fast moving processes of today, together with the design of integrated units and central control rooms, have brought about the development of the electronic control systems.

To simplify trouble-shooting and repair, most of the instrument manufacturers use the modular plug-in construction. This type of construction certainly has considerable merit because, by the process of a systematic component elimination, a faulty component can be easily located and replaced.

This system of construction does have some disadvantages; it reduces reliability somewhat due to the use of pressure contacts, and at times increases circuit complexity. Also the pressure contacts are usually goldplated and, at times, under extreme corrosive conditions it was found the plating had been unknowingly removed by service men, exposing the copper.

### Wiring

Wiring should be run without intermediate junctions whenever possible. Continuous color-coding and complete wire identification becomes almost a necessity to aid the instrument service man in trouble-shooting procedures.

Since electronic instruments are normally wired with small diameter wire, it becomes advantageous to use stranded wire to eliminate broken conductors caused by line vibrations in the process area.

The use of high quality spade type, pressure connected lugs for wire termination at the instrument terminals and intermediate junction blocks will aid the service man in any necessary disconnecting procedures for circuit isolation, as well as provide an excellent means for visible well terminated wiring. Lugs that grip wire insulation, as well as the conductor itself, will again help prevent

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## Pipe Connections

There are now available, male end angle valves for connecting pressure and flow instruments at sensing points in lieu of pipe and fittings, which greatly simplify an installation and reduce leakage problems.

To keep warehousing to a minimum and simplify maintenance, the number of different types and ratings of valves and fittings should be kept to a minimum.

Connections for tower pressure controllers operating at 0 psig or less should not be located at the bottom of the tower. The changing liquid head in the tower will cause irregular errors in the measuring device upsetting the controller. Usually the small change in head will not seriously affect pressure measurement of towers operating at higher pressures.

### **Final Control Elements**

The selection of the proper final control element can be a major factor in the engineered solution of a control problem. The control valve must continuously control the rate of flow of a fluid in accordance with the dictates of the controlling instrument. It must accomplish this by accurately positioning the inner valve through which the fluid must pass regardless of the dynamic reactions of the system to be overcome.

The two principal parts of a control valve are the valve body assembly and the operator. Each part must be properly applied in order to accomplish the ultimate result the complete assembly must obtain for product control.

Operators must be designed with sufficient power to fully stroke and maintain stability of the inner valve against the maximum unbalance forces on the valve as a result of the forces imposed upon the inner valve by the flowing material. Operators connecting stems, accessories, and all mechanical and structural parts must be capable of withstanding those forces which can be imposed by the operator.

The control valve body assem-

bly consists of three principal parts; the body, inner valve, and packing gland. Each part must be considered when specifying a control valve, from the physical properties of the fluid to be controlled.

The minimum number of types and ratings of body end connections should be specified to achieve maximum flexibility and reduce warehousing.

In general, control valves should be installed in the piping run with the by-pass valve above, making the manifold self-draining. The control valve should be located where it is readily accessible for maintenance, also at an elevation suitable for removal of the operator and/or the inner valve, without removing the valve body from the line if necessary.

### Analyzers

The increasing growth of the process industries and the desire for greater efficiency and product purity require a direct monitoring of stream quality where indirect variables, such as temperature, pressure, flow, etc., are inadequate.

To meet this demand there are available to the systems engineer continuous inline plant stream analytical methods that must be applied and installed with a complete knowledge of the physical properties of the stream and installation techniques.

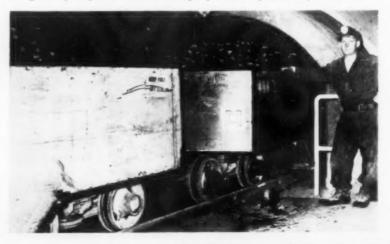
In each analytical application the specifications to the manufacturer should include a complete description of the stream composition, temperature and pressure, etc. It must be kept in mind that the manufacturers of analytical equipment are very progressive and they are continuously improving current equipment, as well as developing new devices.

Although an analyzer can be defined as a primary element, it most certainly cannot be put into the same class as a thermocouple, flow or pressure instrument. To obtain maximum, continuous analyzer performance, the service men must have adequate training.

In conclusion, it has been seen that to achieve greatest economic advantage of process instrumentation factors other than performance offers a great challenge to the design engineer. He must eliminate trouble spots by the correct selection and installation of equipment.

Specifications, design data, and/or diagrams must be clear and concise so the manufacturers can furnish the desired material required without misunderstanding; and also, so that all others interested can, with ease, interpret his intentions for each application, leaving nothing to be desired in so far as operation of a system is concerned.

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## How To Clean Coolers On Stream

## By JOHN M. GRIFFITH

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INDUSTRY is ever searching for ways to increase stream time of its operating units. Fouling of equipment is one of the trouble-

makers in this effort.

Thanks to chemical cleaning techniques, fouled coolers and condensers that limit operation are no longer the problem they once were at Continental Oil Company's Ponca City, Oklahoma, Refinery.

Cleaning coolers while they are operating is done on a regular basis to maintain efficiency. Acid is injected into the cooling water stream. On stream cleaning by this method has so far been limited to the removal of water scale and oil film from the tube side of coolers and condensers.

There are several things to be considered before attempting on stream cleaning. These things are water flow rate, effect of the acid on cooling water, temperature on the shell side, size of the exchanger, and the presence of a suitable inlet for the acid between the exchanger and the water inlet valve.

Of the above items, the temperature and to a certain extent the water flow rate are the limiting factors. If the skin temperature is much above 200 F, there is danger of acid corrosion. If the flow rate is too great, it might be difficult to inject the acid fast enough. A certain minimum acid strength is necessary to remove the scale in the very short contact time allowed.

The acids used at Ponca City have been inhibited sulfamic acid and inhibited hydrochloric acid. The sulfamic acid did not perform as well as the inhibited hydrochloric acid in on stream cleaning applications.

The choice of the inhibitor is very important because good protection must be provided at 200 F and even on up to 212 F. We have selected an inhibitor for hydrochloric acid after an extensive inhibitor testing program which consisted of running laboratory corrosion tests under a number of different conditions and with various alloys.

The choice of the volume of acid required depends upon the size of the condensers or coolers and how they are connected. No concrete rule can be laid down because acid requirements and injection rates are determined by experience with each particular unit.

As a starting place, we usually use twice as much acid as the volume of the tube side of the exchanger. The acid can be used full strength, i.e., 32 per cent HC1, or diluted to the level that experience dictates. At present, we have been using 32 per cent HC1 diluted 50:50 with water in most of our on stream cleaning operations.

The best procedure to follow if the water inlet can be closed for a minute or so without affecting operations is to fill the exchanger with acid and allow it to remain for 1-2 minutes. The water inlet is then opened for 10-15 minutes before the operation is repeated. Although the scale cannot be entirely dissolved in 2 minutes, it is loosened and softened so that the cooling water removes a lot of the scale.

If operations will not permit the cooling water inlet valve to be closed at all, it should be pinched down as far as possible and the acid injected. In any event, the procedure used must be worked out for each individual case.

In on stream cleaning in the manner described, we have always been successful in dropping the temperature. The temperature drop obtained usually runs between 20 and 30 degrees F. The minimum temperature drop has been 5 degrees, and the maximum has been 80 degrees F.

There is one major drawback to this type of cleaning and that is, if the tubes are in poor condition, acid washing might cause a leak. Leaks are caused not so much from corrosion but from removal of scale and plugs from pinholes already in the tubes. If the tubes are in good condition, the chances of causing a leak are almost non-existent.

One always takes a calculated risk when on stream cleaning, but in most cases it is a matter of shutting down anyway to clean the exchanger.

Another disadvantage of on stream cleaning is the effect on the cooling water. In large recirculating cooling systems, no great trouble is caused by on stream cleaning; but in small systems the effect on pH and treating chemicals must be considered. In some cases when an on stream cleaning job is planned, the sulfuric acid (used to control pH) can be discontinued several hours before performing the job.

On stream cleaning as it is be-

ing employed by Continental at Ponca City has had several beneficial effects besides preventing shutdowns. We have found that, at the end of a scheduled run, the coolers and condensers are much cleaner. In the past, tubes had become plugged with water scale, whereas on stream cleaning prevents or reduces tube plugging.

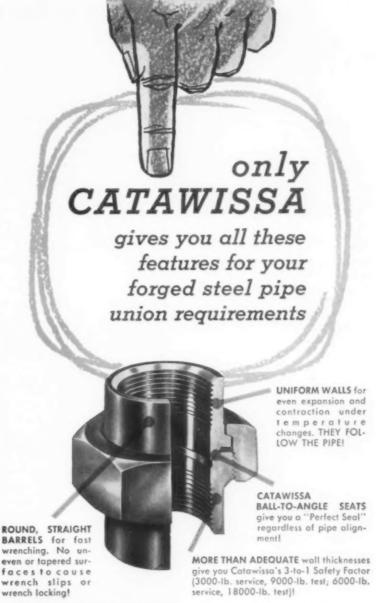
Because accumulations of water scale are prevented or reduced, concentration cell corrosion is minimized. Process side corrosion is also decreased because the skin temperature of the tubes is reduced. The maintenance of clean surfaces increases overall throughput because exchanger duty is increased.

## Steam Return Line Suggestions

INDUSTRIAL plants having maintenance problems with steam return lines may find the following suggestions helpful:

- (1) The feedwater deaerator should be operated at or near 212 F, and should be maintained in an efficient condition.
- (2) All joints in return lines oprating under sub-atmosphere pressures should be made airtight.
- (3) All horizontal return lines should be given sufficient slope or pitch to permit rapid and complete drainage.
- (4) All low points or pockets in the lines where condensate can collect should be eliminated or properly trapped.
- (5) Reaming of pipe ends to remove burrs is particularly important in condensate lines.
- (6) Cold water injection into return lines ahead of vacuum pumps should be avoided wherever possible.
- (7) Extra heavy nipples should be used in return lines.
- (8) Wrought iron pipe has helped to solve many heating corrosive problems.

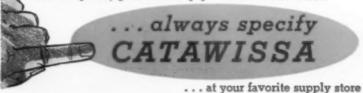
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## Insulate Flue Gas Ducts to Prevent Corrosion

STEEL FLUE ducts outdoors are

exposed to cold air and rain. If the ducts are not insulated, the flue gas inside condenses on the cooling metal duct. This condensate corrodes the steel rapidly. But good insulation on the duct keeps the duct and gas warm enough to prevent flue gas condensation.

The ducts to the chimneys at Georgia Power Co.'s Plant Yates were replaced in 1959. The old ducts were rusty on the outside and corroded on the inside.

The new ducts were insulated with 2" thick mineral wool board. The ducts were first enclosed with No. 6 road mesh (steel) welded to the outer edges of the stiffening angle ribs. Enclosing the ribs in this manner eliminates the expense of covering the sides of the ribs.

The 2' x 4' sheets of insulation were secured to the road mesh by attaching specially-designed clips to the mesh. The insulation was then impaled on the clip and secured by means of a special washer. The insulation is semi-rigid, yet firm. It adjusts to slight irregularities in the steel and gives a smooth base for the aluminum jacket.

The aluminum protection jacket for the insulation is .032" thick and was supplied 36" wide. The edge joints are 3" standing ribs on top and 2" standing ribs for sides and bottom. Special equipment was used for flanging edges of sheets to cover the tops.

All of the top sheets are in one piece (no end joints) and some of them are as much as 30' long. The sheets are secured with clips which go through the insulation and are hooked over the large wire in the road mesh. Wherever metal overlaps metal the sheets are lapped so they shed rainwater.

A competent sheet metal fore-

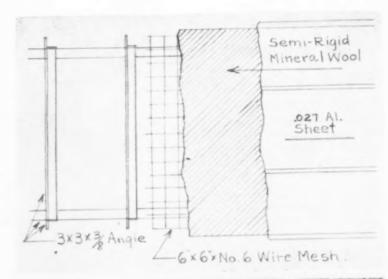
man is a must on such work. There are special job conditions due to obstructions and metal attachments which pierce the metal jacket and insulation; and it is not practical to cover all of these job conditions in the specifications, so the foreman must be both capable and conscientious.

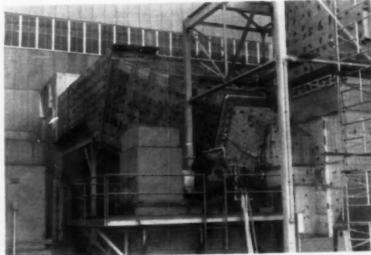
In a few rare cases it is necessary to use a good non-hardening mastic to waterproof cracks. The mastic used at Yates was Seal Kote made by Lion Oil Division of Monsanto. The mastic is reinforced with fiberglass waterproofing membrane to help it bridge the cracks.

The metal is installed so that the maintenance department needs to check it only on a quarterly or semi-annual basis. Excessive water is not likely to damage the insulation, but it would accelerate the rusting of the duct.

Careful analysis of this job leads to the belief that the entire insulation system should outlast the steel duct and the insulated duct should last many years longer than the previous installation, and with much less maintenance.

> By: SAM L. NORTH North Brothers, Inc. Atlanta, Georgia





The sketch above and photograph below show some of the details of application of duct insulation at Georgia Power Company's Plant Yates.

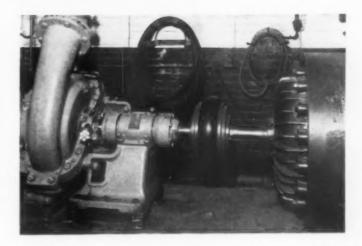
## Couplings Solve Shock Load Problem

tendent at a modern pulp plant in Tennessee encountered frequent mechanical trouble arising from the shock loads generated

ing from the shock loads generated at the time of starting centrifugal pumps handling a mixture of stock

and water.

On this 14 x 20 pump, for example, the 200 hp, 1200 rpm electric motor must overcome the resistance of a 100-foot head. The shaft coupling previously used required considerable maintenance. By replacing it with a Para-flex Flexible Cushion Coupling, recently developed by Dodge Manufacturing Corporation, this trouble has been eliminated. The rubbertire-like flexing element absorbs shock from motor, pump and receiving lines and requires no main-



tenance or lubrication.

As a result, this pulp plant has standardized on Para-flex couplings. The "four-way flex" of this coupling automatically compensates for end-float, parallel misalignment, angular misalignment or any combination of all three. Besides cushioning shock loads, it absorbs torsional vibration, reduc-

ing noise and protecting machinery.

The new coupling requires a minimum of space on the shaft. Its flanges are mounted quickly and securely with Taper-Lock bushings. When the flexing member needs to be replaced, this can be done without moving either the driver or the driven machine.

## Sewer Problem Solved at Brunswick Gypsum Plant

AT THE NEW GYPSUM plant of Bestwall Gypsum

Company at Brunswick Georgia, a 3,200-foot combined sanitary and storm sewer was part of the construction project. Complicating the usual problems were soil of a tideland area, a high water table, and salt water from the adjacent Atlantic Ocean. The consulting engineers chose Armco asbestosbonded pipe for the sewer.

The consulting engineers, Johnson & Johnson, Inc., said that the reasons for selection of this pipe for the installation were: excellent corrosion resistance qualities in the tidelands and salt water conditions that exist in this location; relatively light weight and long lengths that make it suitable for installation in a soil where settlement is considerable as in this location; use of positive connections, thus reducing the problem of the lines pulling apart if settlement occurs; also the pipe was economical to use.

The new Bestwall Gypsum Company plant will manufacture products from gypsum brought in by ocean-going ships. The plant, some 1,260 feet long, will have the major portion of the sewer on the two sides of the building.

The pipe also has a paved-invert plus a double full-coating of asphalt, and was supplied in diameters ranging from 8 to 30 inches. Mechanical contractors on the project were James E. Smith & Sons, Inc.



## Worker Comfort Part of Maintenance

By R. V. WILK, Plant Superintendent

Day-Bright Lighting, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri

MAINTENANCE is a broad term with many different meanings. Preventive maintenance is most to be desired. Of course, the everyday type of maintenance must be provided and must be available every minute of the day. However, the better the preventive maintenance program, the smaller the daily upkeep will be, which results

duction records.

I recently read of one company which is using the award system for new ideas on maintenance. This sounds like a good thing, for it provokes thinking on the part of all or at least many of the employees.

in less down time and better pro-

Better maintenance can sometimes be realized by relocating the equipment — perhaps by making a different type of installation. Here again, perhaps an operator may give just the idea that you have long since needed if he is consulted or encouraged to "speak up."

After all, good maintenance is very vital to each and every employee, from a safety standpoint if for no better reason. Someone has aptly named the Maintenance Department the "Profit Makers." This can be proven in any well balanced Maintenance Department. Let us review three important requirements in almost any factory — that of good lighting, heating and cooling.

LIGHTING — Different companies use different methods of maintaining high light efficiency. It is a universally accepted fact that high light output means higher production per man-hour, which of course gives a decrease in unit cost.

Recognizing this, some companies adopt a system of using lighting inspectors in each department to check daily for burned out lamps or any other cause of faulty lighting. If lamps are burned out, they are replaced by these inspectors at the time. If it is a burned out ballast, a broken socket, a short or whatever, a color sticker is used to designate the fault and a repair or replacement is made by an electrician on a later shift.

In this way the daily production schedule is not affected. Some companies use the maintenance men on later shifts to clean the lamps periodically. Other companies use the method of a complete plant cleaning at inventory time or at midsummer vacation time. In either case, production is seldom hampered.

HEATING — Comfort to any employee is of prime importance. Needless to say if all employees are comfortable in their work, labor relations are better. A warm plant in winter, with temperatures the same in all departments is essential, though in many cases difficult to provide.

Some departments have outside doors used as receiving doors or others through which material is transported back and forth. In either case a problem exists, avoiding heat loss when doors are opened and closed frequently. Also, this same heat loss in these departments may cause drafts in adjoining departments, if doors between departments are left open or are opened and closed frequently.

We have controlled our heat loss by using automatic door closers both on outside and inside doors. These are operated by low-voltage push-buttons which we suspend from the ceiling or place on the wall, close enough to the door on either side so that power truck operators may reach them without dismounting from their motor and without losing too much time. These buttons, of course, are placed so that employees in transit or pulling hand trucks may also reach them without undue exertion. Much heat is saved from the quick opening and closing of outside doors in this manner.

cooling—Many or perhaps most of the new factories and shops now being constructed are air conditioned at the time of construction. Many companies are adding air conditioning to their present buildings constructed some time ago. However, if air conditioning is not in the plans for financial or other reasons, then care and thought should be given to the best cooling arrangement your shop can accommodate.

Electric fans, of course, are the "old reliable." If they are used, they should be suspended and guarded if at all possible. If pedestal fans are used they must be guarded front and back with foolproof guards to prevent any kind of injury to the employee.

In addition to electric fans, quite often a shop may have so-called natural resources that can be put to use. For example, a shop having a department such as painting or plating, which must by its nature have a vast amount of air exhausted from the building, provides a natural draft from other departments in the same building. Try to utilize this natural draft in and through the departments during the warm weather, and place and regulate the electric fans to support the action of the exhaust fans by directing the air-flow where most needed.

There will always be some differences of opinion among the employees as to cooling, but usually a company engineer can accommodate most of them with the proper location of fans and proper air circulation. Good working conditions for employees in warm weather are as essential to them as in the cool weather.

In conclusion, let me make this observation. A training program in the maintenance department is desirable, especially in a growing concern. Let us place the high value of importance on a good maintenance department that it so justly deserves.



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The illustrations above and at right show our simplified method of keeping equipment records straight. A photograph of the equipment is attached to the record card for each piece of equipment.

## Photograph Accompanies Permanent Equipment Record

By R. W. WILSON

Wilson Electric Co., Inc. Macon, Georgia

THE MAINTENANCE of equipment records to provide and justify depreciation charges on our shop equipment had been a problem with us for some time.

This problem was caused by:

1—Office personnel not being familiar with shop equipment.

2—Use of outside auditing firms who were not familiar with our shop equipment.

3—Shop personnel being unable to identify shop equipment, as described in the written description on the equipment records.

4—Shop personnel modifying capitalized equipment, and failing to turn in written reports on cost.

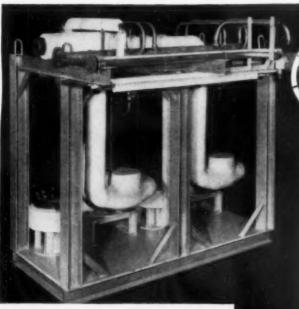
We have purchased a Polaroid camera for use by our sales department in quoting rebuilt equipment. It was decided to use this camera to take a picture of each piece of company equipment carried on our records. These pictures have been attached to the appli-



cable equipment cards for reference.

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## **Daily Maintenance Planning**

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Utopia in planning, but it is serving us at this time. First we have a labor wall board which shows the craft and number of men available for planned work on the side of board. At the top of board we have listed plants and divisions.

Each area maintenance supervisor receives from each area production supervisor their needs in a work order form prior to 11 A.M. each Monday through Friday. The area supervisors attend a meeting in the conference room at 11 A.M. The maintenance superintendent also attends and acts as referee to decide who has priority with manpower.

Supervisor from "A" area will read his work orders and request the crafts and number of men needed for that work. This is numbered in the column under his plant or area. When supervisor of "A" area has completed his request, then other area supervisors make their request. If and when there is not enough manpower, we decide who shall relinquish previous requests. In this manner the most important jobs get attention.

When all jobs have been listed a clerk takes these and types them on a "must sheet." This sheet is so named because these jobs require attention the next day. A copy of this must sheet is placed on each foreman's desk, from which he makes up his work sheet.

The foreman has a back log of work orders and if the must sheet does not require all his manpower, he completes his daily planning sheet by using the back log of work. This sheet is submitted to a clerk who has carbon form sheets which are titled "Foreman's Daily Planning Sheet."

The clerk types this sheet for each foremam, sending the foreman (1) copy and making a composite of all crafts sheets for area supervisor, production supervisor and other interested people.

The following morning each foreman marks up his must sheet from previous day, prior to 11 A.M. He marks jobs completed or

percentage of completion, some of which is estimated, and also gives the number of men available for the next day's work.

The clerk receives this and marks up (1) composite sheet for the maintenance superintendent to use in planning meeting. The clerk revises the manpower available column on board prior to planning meeting.

We use assigned area maintenance men that do take care of emergencies that are not beyond their scope. Area maintenance supervisor meets with other supervisors for a few moments prior to work time each morning to see if there are any changes that must be made. We assign approximately 110 men in this manner each day.

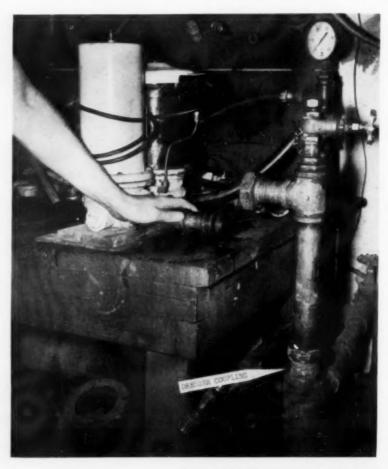
By H. C. DEMING, Maintenance Supervisor, Copolymer Rubber & Chemical Corp., Baton Rouge, La

## **Dresser Coupling Aids Testing**

WE KEEP in repair in our shop a host of water pumps of every size and construction, and it is a continuing problem to keep on hand enough of a variety of pipe fittings and nipples in order to hook up the repaired units for test before restoring them to their tasks.

For this reason, we've hooked up a dresser coupling in the vertical water supply line. By loosening this coupling, the feed pipe may be raised or lowered so its outlet lines up with the inlet to the pump. This avoids Rube Goldberg nipple-fitting hook-ups.

By HENRY JOSEPHS, Sarasota, Florida



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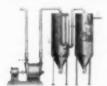
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#### PERISTALTIC VALVE

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#### Water Well Corrosion and Protective Measures

By R. L. HALE, JR.

Inspection Department Cit-Con Oil Corporation Lake Charles, Louisiana

ALL FOUR of Cit-Con Oil Corporation's water wells were drilled and developed in the 500foot sand. The well casings are 18" extending to the 500-foot sand, and equipped with aproximately 100-feet of 10" stainless or stainless wrapped screen. The pumps are size 15", all bronze centrifugal pumps, 1500 gpm, set at aproxmately 200-ft below grade. The shaft operates in a 3" oil tubing which in turn is centered in a 10" water discharge pipe, by means of combination couplings and spiders with rubber bushings between the spider and the 3" oil tubing.

The water analysis is generally as follows:

Chlorides

Color

335	ppm
145	ppm
104	ppm
41	ppm
170	ppm
22	ppm
7.3	
1.3	ppm
	145 104 41 170 22 7.3

32 ppm

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Two of our water wells were put in service during the summer of 1949 and were not pulled for inspection until April 1951, a run of approximately two years. We were disappointed and rather surprised to find severe corrosion on the 10" water discharge pipe. This occurred at the couplings, in the threaded areas outside of the pipe. We also had pitting inside the pipe. The 3" oil tubing, in which the shaft revolves, was also deeply pitted in the area where it passes through the rubber bushed spider in each coupling.

The corrosive attack outside the pipe originated at the edges of the coupling and worked through the threads to the butt joint. Since there was no corrosion O.D., except in this area, we believed this to be a "concentration cell" or "crevice" type attack, caused when

a metal is exposed at two or more points on its surface to different concentrations of the same solution.

The pitting inside the 10" pipe in the coupling area and the pitting on the 3" tube inside of the rubber bushing were attributed to galvanic action, possibly due to different energy levels, stress, agitation, etc.

This corrosion was costly both in labor and downtime, since the oil tubing had to be renewed. The 10" water discharge pipe was cut and rethreaded and some new joints installed to maintain overall length. New couplings were also installed.

We have not experienced too much trouble with our pumps and shafting; usually only nominal repairs are necessary.

It seemed obvious to us that to stop the corrosion outside the 10" pipe at the coupling, the threaded areas would have to be sealed off. Since welding was not practical, we decided to treat the metal surfaces and use some kind of sealing compound over the complete joint.

We set up the following procedure which has completely eliminated the coupling and thread corrosion:

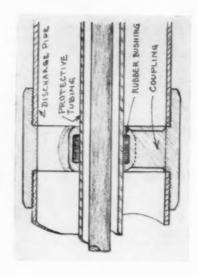
 A phosphate wash primer is applied to pipe and coupling threads, after buffing to clean metal.

A coat of a chlorinated rubber base metallic lead primer is then applied to all threaded areas.

The threaded joints are then made up using a liberal application of a non-hardening pipe dope.

4. Before the pipe is lowered into the hole, a heavy coating of a viscous rubberized underseal is applied over the entire coupling and for six inches each side. This is brushed on and we have found it to be in good condition and still flexible after about three years' service.

Incidentally, we found by experiment that it was necessary to reduce the O.D. of the 10" pipe by machining in the area to be threaded from 10.750" (original) to 10.720". A standard straight



#8 thread is then cut. This compensates for the thickness of the coating applied and allows the joint to be made up without galling.

We decided to try cathodic protection to combat the internal corrosion. Magnesium anodes seemed to be the only feasible method. A stainless steel clamp was fabricated to suspend an anode from the spider in each coupling. A magnesium rod 1.315" in diameter, one foot long, was bolted to the clamp with stainless steel bolts. We were limited in size because we did not want to choke down the annular water discharge space between the 3" tubing and the 10" pipe any more than necessary.

The bolted end of the anode was coated numerous times with Glyptal, to keep the anode from sacrificing itself at the bolts and causing a loose connection.

A copper cable was run from the anode hanger and clamped to the 3" tubing. This allowed the current to flow from the anode through the water to both the 10" and the 3", with a direct connections back to the anode.

After a run of approximately three years, the pump was again pulled. It was found that the anodes had reached the end of useful service life. However, the 10" pipe was in excellent condition, inside and outside. The copper cables had

become detached from the 3" tube, breaking the circuit, and pitting was severe in the same area.

Just prior to this time, in the fall of 1954, a cathodic protection system was installed in our plant. We therefore removed the insulating gaskets, washers, sleeves, etc., in the discharge piping at the wells. This allowed any impressed current picked up in the wells to flow back to the negative side of the rectifiers.

We did not change the treatment given the 10" pipe joints. The anodes were reinstalled but this time we used a new type clamp fastened directly to the 3" tubing just above the spider bushing. This allowed current to flow from the anode to the 10" pipe and out of the well to the rectifiers. Thus, a separate circuit was set up at each bushing to protect the 3" tubing.

This installation has worked remarkably well, and we have found no corrosion of the 10" and 3" piping during later inspections.

Our last inspection, in January 1960, showed we were not getting enough protection with the Glyptal over the bolted area of the anode, so we are now using a waterproof, self-curing epoxy-resin coating, which we believe will give better results.

# Corrosion Resistant Conduit

RIGID VINYL PIPE is being widely used as electrical conduit to solve underground corrosion problems.

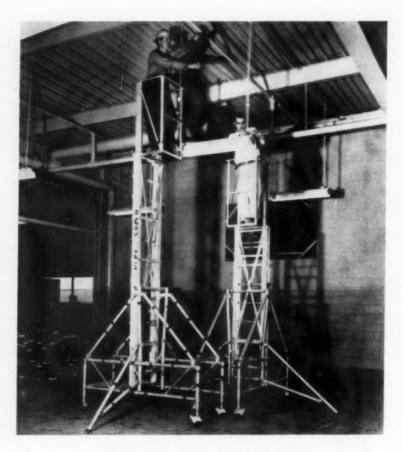
At the Sanford Station of Florida Power & Light Company, southeast of Daytona Beach, conduit is made of Geon vinyl, a product of B. F. Goodrich Chemical Company. This material has high strength and is resistant to salt water, gases and corrosive soil conditions. Since the smooth inner surface of the vinyl conduit will remain undamaged by corrosion, pulling new cable through them years from now will be just as easy as was the original installation. Lightweight and ease of installation are additional plus values to contractors.



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#### North Carolina Plant Speeds Work with Scaffolds

TELESCOPING aluminum scaffolds on wheels that fold down to roll through doorways and are adjustable for reaching heights up to 31 feet facilitate construction of the new plant of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company near Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Scaffolds are used for fastening motors to frame, conveyors to ceilings and for installing conduits, piping, ducts and supports for equipment.

Twenty-nine such units, known as Tallescope, are used by the R. J. Reynolds Company for overhead installations and maintenance. Lightweight and rapidly assembled by one man, each scaffold is only 29" wide for rolling through congested areas. They are manufactured by Up-Right Scaffolds.

#### Pint-Size Lathe in Big Plant

AS EVERBODY KNOWS, when a

piece of machinery breaks down it may mean that production and delivery schedules will go awry unless it can be put back in service in a hurry. The seasoned staff that runs the plant of Tube Turns, Louisville, Ky. - a division of National Cylinder Gas Company, Chicago - not only takes every reasonable precaution to avoid such unplanned downtime, but also keeps a large stock of parts on hand for emergency use and replacement needs. Moreover. the plant has the facilities and trained manpower to make most of those parts that may not be immediately available, should this be necessary.

Many large parts can be turned out in a well-equipped tool and die shop. Very small parts are produced in the instrument laboratory, which serves as our subject here. The lab is responsible for maintaining control instruments. Some of these controls, so

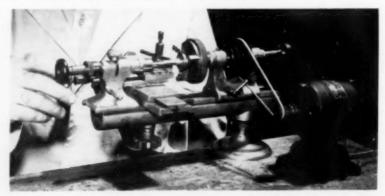
important in automation, are as intricate as a fine watch. Others are as simple as a kitchen clock.

One of the interesting tools employed by the lab in maintaining instruments is the pint-size jeweler's lathe shown in the accompanying photograph. It is used to make tiny parts that cannot otherwise

be obtained on short notice, as — for example — a gear shaft with a diameter of .0015".

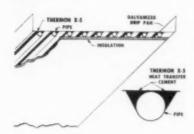
Most of the plant's instrumentation is standard. However, a considerable number of instruments are modified, or designed and built for the exclusive processes employed by Tube Turns, with the aid of this lathe and other special equipment.

Here, a lab technician makes a small part for an instrument used in Tube Turns' quality control program.



# Defrosting Problems Solved

TO ELIMINATE defrosting problems on a 60-ton, 17,250 cfm air handling (quick-freeze) unit operating at an ambient temperature of 6 F and used to quickfreeze produce before transfer to a cold storage room, Natkin and Company, Mechanical Contractors, Houston, Texas, have installed Thermon X-5 Heat Transfer Cement for the Houston Central Warehouse Company.



High pressure amomnia gas at 120 F is pumped from another unit to melt the ice which accumulates on the quick-freeze unit during the ten-hour cooling cycle. A drip pan equipped with 1" external pipe coils connected to the ammonia line catches the ice melted from the unit.

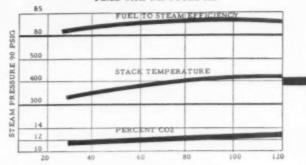
This arrangement, however, did not provide sufficient heat input to the pan. Water from the defrosted coils froze in the pan and plugged the drain lines. This heavy residue of ice had to be hosed off the pan with hot water, requiring some two to three man-hours per week. This procedure also presented a serious housekeeping problem because of spillage.

To eliminate this problem, Natkin and Company applied Thermon X-5 to the drip pan coils. This produced greatly improved heat transfer performance and completely eliminated the time-consuming manual portion of the defrosting operation. A possible alternate solution, installation of galvanized internal coils in the drip pan, would have been considerably more expensive. Thermon Heat Transfer Cement is produced by Thermon Manufacturing Company, Houston, Texas.

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View at left shows the motor housings and supports after weatherproofing. At center the housing has been finished with fiberglass. Bottom of repaired housing is seen at right.

#### Better Repair Procedure for Corroded Cooling Tower Metal

PROTECTING steel around a cool-

ing tower has been a problem for many years. The fan supports and motor housing covers on our induced draft cooling tower required such protection. The method previously used to protect the metal was not satisfactory, since it would not withstand the constant cooling tower mist and weather which was causing the corrosion attack under the layers of materials previously applied. Consequently we developed the following procedure which, in all respects, has thus far proved satisfactory.

The project of cleaning the tars, grease and paint from the structures was the major job and consumed most of the time. In the process an electric scraper was used instead of sand blasting because the tower had to remain on the line. Also a burning torch was used to burn off the tars and coats of paint.

For the coating process our maintenance foreman suggested the use of rust inhibiting oil, red lead primer and Gilsomastic which was also approved by our system chemist. The wetting oil, as we call it, was applied after the cleaning to obtain a good bonding surface for the primer. After it dried the primer was applied, and then the finish product of Gilsomastic which was thinned down and

painted on with a regular paint brush.

During the cleaning operation large holes were found in the motor housing covers which soon would cause leaking and eventually motor troubles.

After much discussion with our plant manager, and others who had had some experience with fiberglass, it was decided to try the "glass" on these motor housing tops. Considering the low cost of materials and application and the versatility of fiberglass and the known water and weather protect-

ing characteristics, it was worth a try.

The application was successful. Replacing the tops with other metal would have consumed considerable time and money, whereas using a combination of laminating resin with catalyst over fiberglass proved inexpensive as well as time saving.

After having a repaired unit in service for approximately a year, the procedure is believed to be another step forward in fan motor housing and structure protection. All twelve fans were completed in January 1959 with the above materials and application.

By BOB McALISTER, Plant Chemist, Roswell Power Plant, Roswell, N. M.

#### **Aluminum Cuts Maintenance**

USE OF ALUMINUM in industrial

construction and equipment climbed to 1.1 billion pounds in 1959 and will move upward to over 1.3 billion pounds in 1960. New industrial applications of aluminum and growing realization of the savings aluminum offers in plant maintenance and operation account for last year's jump of about 30 per cent over the 1958 figure, according to a statement by W. T. Ingram, Reynolds Metals Co. general sales manager.

"In many cases aluminum-clad factory buildings are saving their owners up to 80 per cent in maintenance costs. And items like aluminum bus duct, silver-plated aluminum bus bar, electrical cable, conduit, piping, heat exchangers, insulation jacketing, ladders and scaffolds are helping him to achieve a better, more efficient operating pace."

Mr. Ingram said that probably the most significant recent aluminum development for industry is the new all-aluminum housing for outdoor switchgear, engineered jointly by Allis-Chalmers and Reynolds. This cost-cutting application heralds use of aluminum in scores of other applications for indoor and outdoor metal-clad switchgear, panel boards and motor control equipment, he added.

Through use of labor-saving de-



Aluminum conduit is being used in ever growing volume.

vices such as extrusions, aluminum switchgear housing can be manufactured at costs comparable to steel housings fabricated through normal methods. It offers low maintenance, corrosion resistance and attractive design possibilities. Its lightweight makes it extremely adaptable for rooftop installations and its heat-reflectivity increases operator comfort and efficiency in hot weather.

Mr. Ingram said that aluminum conduit, which accounted for less than one per cent of the total conduit market in 1958, today accounts for almost 10 per cent and that there is every indication it will make up 20 per cent of the market in 1960.

The rapid jump in demand for aluminum conduit stems from the fact that it is 20 to 40 per cent less expensive to install, requires fewer supports and reduces voltage drops because it is non-magnetic. It has a modern, clean-looking appearance that resists corrosion and never rusts.

He said many of the same advantages account for the increasing use of aluminum bus conductor and cable.

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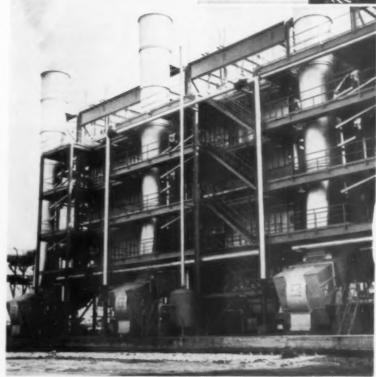
design and high erosive resistance, WHIRLEX heavy duty induced draft fans were chosen to handle the hot blast furnace gas. The three units shown here carry approximately 150,000 cubic feet of gas per minute. Preliminary fan examinations show wear to be less than a third that of ordinary fans designed for this purpose.

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low-maintenance qualities of aluminum account for most of its uses in other plant operations, he said. Items of equipment such as aluminum scaffolds and ladders are easily portable and can be relocated with little effort. Lightweight moving parts on machinery are less cumbersome to motivate and

will not wear as heavily or need maintenance as frequently. Paintup and replacement is cut to a minimum.

New types of aluminum piping — including heavy-end pipe and duplex pipe — are stepping up use of the light metal for this application.

hoist inspections, eliminating the necessity for removing hoist from its station which would interrupt production.

Hoists are checked for proper lubrication, oil level, chain wear, motor brake wear and adjustment, and the general condition of frame, upper and lower hooks, controller, and limit lever mechanism.

As each hoist is checked, findings are recorded on a special inspection report form along with hoist serial numbers and hoist locations.

At the conclusion of the survey, the completed inspection forms are given to the plant personnel responsible for maintenance, for their permanent record. Definite recommendations are made at that time as to what repairs, if any, are required to correct existing hoist irregularities. Where hoists show evidence of abuse or overloading, immediate replacement of stressed or damaged parts is emphasized. As the rule, owners take immediate corrective action to repair their hoists and put them in top operating condition.

# Hoist Inspection Plan Cuts Production Down Time



Arrangements are made by factory representatives with either distributors of 'Budgit' hoists or Manning, Maxwell & Moore, Inc., field sales personnel to have a hoist inspection survey made. An inspection team of factory trained service representatives then comes in and makes a careful systematic inspection of the condition of each 'Budgit' Electric Hoist.

As shown in the photo, the inspection team makes "on the job"

#### No Stalling at Slow Speeds

THE PROBLEM at Carrington &

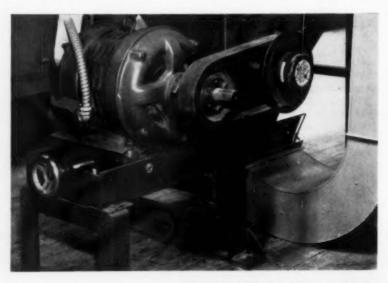
Michaux, Inc., processor of leaf tobacco, was to find a variable-speed drive that would not stall at slow speeds. The drive was needed for a large tobacco shredder, approximate capacity 6,000 pounds per hour, which operates 8 to 16 hours per day, seven

months a year, at the Richmond, Va., plant.

The shredder is driven by a 20hp motor operated at 1800 rpm. Most of the belt drives tested failed to transmit the full capacity of the motor at the slower belt speeds. This would result in slippage and the production of frictional heat

A UNIQUE hoist inspection plan for owners of 'Budgit' Electric Hoists, having multiple hoist installations, is offered by the manufacturer, Manning, Maxwell & Moore, Inc. The plan consists of a nocharge inspection survey, by factory trained personnel, to determine condition of all hoists within the owner's plant, with survey results presented in chart form to encourage and assist in hoist maintenance.

Hoist owners who have made use of this plan have found it reduces maintenance costs, promotes safety for both equipment and worker, and cuts hoist downtime to a minumum. Here's how the plan works:



that damaged the belt.

The newly developed "MCS" drive of T. B. Wood's Sons Co., was recommended by Transmission Products Co., Inc., Richmond distributor. The grooved companion sheave was mounted on the motor and the variable-speed sheave on a countershaft. This method of mounting was made possible by the fact that both flanges of the variable-speed sheave are movable. The sheave has a minimum pitch diameter of 6 inches and a maximum pitch diameter of 12 inches. The sheave is designed to hold a constant driven speed during changing torque loads.

"The new drive maintains constant belt speed and transmits maximum belt capacity at slow speeds," reports W. W. Michaux, Jr., president of Carrington & Michaux.

With the variable-speed sheave used on this installation, cam pressure is exerted only when the load requires it. Power is transmitted equally to both movable flanges through a series of torsionally resilient rubber cam followers. The sidewall pressure on the belt varies in proportion to the torque required to carry the load. Since the grip on the belt increases as the load increases, the pitch diameter is maintained, and the driven speed kept constant.

A further advantage is the absence of fretting corrosion, freezing and sticking. The rubber cam followers are located between the sleeve caps and flanges, outside the bearing surfaces. There are no points of constant contact anywhere between the flanges and sleeves to obstruct lubrication. The resilient cam followers allow continuous rotational oil pumping action of the flange hubs on the sleeves. With each revolution of the sheave, the oil film on the bearing surfaces is constantly renewed and evenly distributed.

The drive has performed perfectly, comments Mr. Michaux. Its performance was proved when, under severe load, the heaters in the motor "kicked" the motor out; but the drive itself transmitted all the power that the motor could produce. With previous drives, the belt would burn up under the same conditions.



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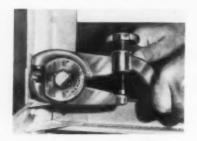


## **NEW PRODUCT Briefs**

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#### **Nut Splitter**

Q-1 Stubborn "frozen" and rusty nuts can now be reached, split, and removed easily and quickly with the new HKP Swivel Jaw Nut Splitter in-



troduced by **H. K. Porter, Inc.,** 74 Foley Street, Somerville 43, Massachusetts. It is designed to cut nuts up to, and including, 7%" across flats.

To operate, the swivel blade is placed against the side of the nut, the power screw is turned by hand until the jaw is tight against the nut, and then tightened with a hand or power wrench until enough pressure is applied to split the nut. The tool will not damage the bolt from which the nut is removed, and the whole procedure takes only a few seconds' time.

#### **Utility Torches & Kits**

Q-2 Propage fueled utility torches and torch kits are now available through the facilities of Air Reduction Sales Company, 150 E. 42nd St., New York 17, N. Y. Called the Bernz-O-Matic, this equipment can be used for soft soldering, paint burning, copper



tube sweating, and general applications requiring heat.

The torches feature instant starting, long burning, self-sealing valves, no hoses required, all-position burning, and disposable cylinders.

The torch is available in single cylinders with push-button to pencil-type tip assemblies, or in carryall kits.

#### **One-Piece Scaffold**

Q-3 Manufactured by **Up-Right**Scaffolds, 1013 Pardee,
Berkeley, California, and
designed without loose braces, nuts
or bolts, is a new one-piece scaffold



on wheels. Two folding V braces snap together and lock automatically to form a rigid X brace joint to support the structure.

Ten feet long and only 29" wide, the scaffold rolls through doorways and down narrow aisles. Platform height is adjustable from one foot to 8½ feet. Casters lock automatically; legs are instantly adjustable for uneven floors and stairways. Known as Up-Right V-X, this new scaffold is dimensionally interchangeable with standard Up-Right span type scaffolds.



#### Portable D-C Welder

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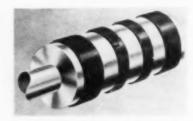
A. O. Smith Corporation.

Milwaukee, Wisc., has introduced an improved of the december of

#### **Teflon Piston Rings**

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Filled Teflon piston rings, offering all of the chemical and mechanical advantages of this fluorocarbon resin, are now being marketed by The Garlock Packing Company, Palmyra, New



York. The new piston rings are designed for non-lubricated service to seal reciprocating, oscillating and rotary motion of both external and internal cylindrical surfaces against the leakage of liquids or gases. Matched filled Teflon rider rings are also available for use in conjunction with the rings where long stroke or heavy pistons necessitate additional support.

#### Cleaning & Descaling Tool

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The Marindus Company,
Inc., 51 Pine St., New
York 5, N. Y., is marketing
a new cleaning and de-scaling tool
that de-scales and prepares surfaces
by means of a set of reciprocating
needles striking the surface being
worked. It operates on normal air
pressure, not more than 90 psi, and
consumes a maximum of only 15
cfm.

The Von Arx Air Gun is also used to strip off paint, to clean weld seams and to scarify concrete and other surfaces using chisel-tip needles.



#### **Epoxy Floor**

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A new epoxy floor has been developed by the Kalman Floor Co., 110 E.

42nd St., New York.

The epoxy floor is resistant to most acids, alkalies and solvents. In addition, because it cures quickly and withstands abrasion, it can be used to resurface worn industrial floors where speed is essential. It is a topping, approximately ½" to 3/16" in thickness, applied to a previously prepared base slab, usually concrete. It can be made skid-proof.

#### **Tube Pilots**

Q-8 Light, easy-to-handle plastic tube pilots have been developed by Thomas C. Wilson, Inc., Long Island City, N. Y.

The new "Guide-Rite" pilots are for use with heat exchanger and boiler tubes ranging from %" to 1" O.D., to speed assembly of tubular equipment by piloting tubes through tube sheets, baffles, and support plates. They are designed to do the same job, within their application range, as much heavier and more expensive models. The plastic pilots have a spring pressure feature that holds them securely in place, yet makes removal easy.



# Tips to help you cut impact socket breakage

- Position power wrench so that socket fits straight on nut.
   Tilted wrench causes binding and socket breakage.
- Use right size socket...replace worn or undersize nuts.
   Loose-fitting sockets wear faster then break.
- Don't keep impacting after nut is tightly set. This causes needless wear on both wrench and socket.
- Keep the inside of sockets clean. Dirt and grease are common causes of socket breakage.
- When power wrench drive head becomes worn replace it. Loose drive causes excess wear in socket drive opening — early socket breakage.

#### Best tip yet!

#### ALWAYS USE Shap-on INDUSTRIAL SOCKETS

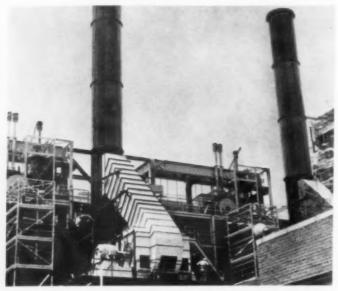
Sockets used on power nut runners and impact wrenches take a terrific pounding. Standard hand-wrench sockets are not designed for this work. Snap-on heavy-duty industrial sockets have the extra heft and toughness to take the beating. Result: more work-hours per socket and, equally important, less costly downtime resulting from fre-

quent breakage of ordinary sockets.

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#### New Product Briefs (Continued)



Two eight-foot diameter, 55-foot tall A. O. Smith glass-protected smake-stacks at Jacksonville, Florida's Southside Generating Station.

#### Glass-Protected Smokestacks

Q-9
A steel smokestack lined inside and out with colored acid-resistant glass has been developed by the A. O. Smith Corporation, Milwaukee, Wisc.

The new process permanently fuses brightly hued color dyes into the stack's glassed exterior. Extreme temperature and weather conditions have little or no dulling effect on the shiny colored glass and corrosion cannot be hidden under a layer of paint.

#### Bench Bender

Q-10 Wallace Supplies Mfg. Co., 1304 Diversey Parkway, Chicago 14, Ill., announces its new T-3 Bench Bender for repair or maintenance work and on-thejob applications.

It has direct lever operation for bending soft copper and aluminum up to 1½" diameter, and for bending annealed steel tubes up to 1" O.D. It has ratchet bending action for steel tubes to 1½".

This bench bender uses the "compression" type of bending which gives shorter radii without mandrel use and requires less hand power (rolls the bend in). It can be used for right or left hand bending with tangents of about one tube diameter between bends.

#### Terminal for Brushes

Q-11 A quick-disconnect terminal assembly for brushes is now available from National Carbon Company. Division of Union Carbide Corporation, New York 17, N. Y.

The assembly is designed to facilitate brush replacement on electric utility equipment, and on any motor or generator in which the brushes are difficult to reach. It consists of a stationary clip easily bolted to the machine, into which either one or two terminals can be snapped. All parts are silver-plated beryllium copper.

#### Impactool For Industrial Use

Q-12 Broadway, New York, has redesigned its Size 8U heavy duty electric Impactool to give it 20% more power than the previous model. This feature, combined with good balance and a



palm-fitting handle, makes it possible to use the tool over long periods of time without undue fatigue for production and general maintenance work in manufacturing and metalworking industries.

More power is obtained through a heavier impact mechanism, an improved universal motor of 6 amperes (instead of 5 amperes as in the old model), and a T-type socket driver which improves power transmission.

#### Compound Leverage Wrench

Q-13 The Ridge Tool Company, Elyria, Ohio, has introduced a new compound leverage wrench. Pressure applied on the extra-sturdy malleable handle is multiplied by two as the ad-



justable hook jaw turns the pipe in one direction, while the offset chain vise head grips the fitting and exerts an equal pressure in the opposite direction.

By slipping the removable chain vise head into place on the desired side of the handle, the Compound Leverage Wrench can be used to tighten or loosen right or left hand threads . . . with the pipe on either side of the fitting. Short handle for jaw size makes it ideal for close quarters.

#### Worn Stairs Restored

Q-14 A method of restoring worn, slippery stairs is announced by Wooster Products Inc., Wooster, Ohio.

Plastic mix leveling compound is troweled over the worn areas to return the step to a level surface. The step is then capped with the new heavy-duty "Super Stairmaster" safety tread. The base of the tread is heavy-duty aluminum with ribs of diamond-hard abrasive providing an anti-slip walking surface. Proper fasteners are furnished for installing on various types of stairs.

#### **Propane Torches**

Q-15 Spatz Paint Industries, Inc., 5237 Manchester Ave., St. Louis, Mo., is distributor for the "Painter's Partner," a propane torch made in Sweden.



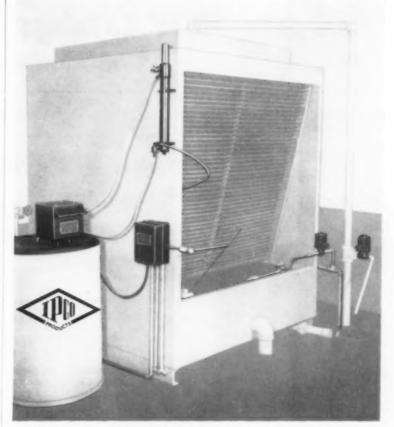
Fuel is fed to the torch through a hose attached to the fuel supply unit, which can be hung on the rung of a ladder, placed on the floor, or even attached to the painter's belt, leaving his hands free to hold the torch and scraper.

The standard kit contains the paint remover torch with swivel adapter, suspension hook, six feet of hose and fuel supply cylinder. Cost is about \$35.00.

#### Anti-Seize Compounds

Q-16 Crawford Fitting Company, 884 East 140th Street, Cleveland 10, Ohio, is marketing a line of anti-seize and lubricating compounds under the trade name "Goop."

The line includes three separate products. Silver Goop is formulated to prevent seizing and galling regardless of applied load on threaded parts, at temperatures up to 2100 F. It reduces take-up torque on threaded parts. Blue Goop is for use on titanium, stainless steel, steel, aluminum and high temperature alloys. It withstands temperatures up to 400 F. High Purity Goop is recommended for use wherever the prevention of product contamination is essential.



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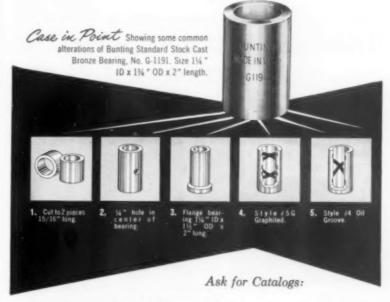
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E-1—Conveyor Idlers — Bulletin 171, 48 pages, covers engineering and product data on basic types of idlers in various services including troughing, impact, transition, return, flat belt, wire rope, and others.—HEWITT-ROBINS, INC., Stamford, Conn.

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E-7—Fusion Welding Aluminum—
Technical Handbook, 32 pages, covers gas welding; metal arc welding; tungsten, inert-gas welding; straight polarity TIG; metal, inert-gas welding; and welded joint design. Tables and diagrams present data on typical welding conditions and equipment.— REYNOLDS METALS COMPANY, Dept. PRD-31, Richmond 18, Va.

E-8—Industrial Fasteners — Unbrako Hi-Life folder, 4 pages, illustrates and describes socket head cap screws and other precision fasteners which feature larger and more uniform root radius of concave configuration, made possible by controlled thread root form.— STANDARD PRESSED STEEL CO., Attn: A. W. Scott, Adv. Serv. Dir., Jenkintown, Pa.

E-9—Centralized Lubrication — Bulletin No. 26-T, 24 pages, contains information on complete line, discusses principles of operation, illustrates typical applications, includes system components. — FARVAL DIVISION, EATON MFG. CO., 3300 E. 80th St., Cleveland 4, Ohio.

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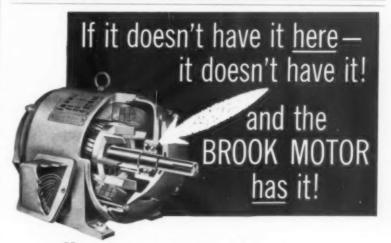
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# Convention Report ASME Gas Turbine Conference

Houston, Texas March 6-9 By ELTON STERRETT Industrial Consultant Houston, Texas

A TRULY INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM characterized the fifth annual conference and exhibition of the Gas Turbine Division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, held in conjunction with the Hydraulic Division of the Society in Houston, Texas, March 6th to 9th. Eight of the papers had foreign origin, with Rheinhausen, Germany; Winterthur, Switzerland; Paris, France; Bristol, England; Haifa, Israel; Pretoria, South Africa; Beirut, Lebanon; and Caracas, Venezuela contributing papers to highlight the cosmopolitan scope of mechanical engineering.

THE SCHEDULE of papers includ-

ed 42 titles; a hydraulic symposium on cavitation with six papers; and a three-session, 11-paper symposium on compressor stall, surge and system response. More than 800 engineers and scientists, taxing the seating capacity of the conference rooms, attended the two 8 P. M. sessions justifying that method for crowding 20 groups into a three-day meet.

Apart from the two symposia, the program divided easily into two types of presentation: one detailing operating experience with some type of combustion turbine; the other, a manufacturer's description of some outstanding development made by his company in turbine design or application.

#### **New Designs**

A paper by R. L. Boyer, of Cooper Bessemer, outlined his company's plans for a 10,500 hp gas turbine. A modification of the J-57 jet engine will constitute the initial three stages of the unit, and a two-stage turbine is added to deliver power (in the case of the experimental unit now under construction) to a natural gas pipeline compressor. This is the unit to be installed by Columbia Gulf System at its Campbellsville, Kentucky, mainline station.

O. C. Schoeppner, of Clark Brothers, described his company's 9000 hp, single-shaft turbine. The engine incorporates a rigid shaft, with spool between compressor and turbine blading, and with but two bearings, both outside the turbine case. It utilizes dual, vertical combustion chambers, their gas streams separate until entering the turbine nozzles.

The third turbine development described was the 1100 hp unit being pioneered by Solar Aircraft Company. The company engineer, P. A. Pitt, told how this ultra high speed unit, designed to operate at speeds up to 30,000 rpm, will be direct-connected to a multistage compressor for natural gas pipeline work. Interchangeable wheels and accessories will enable the compressor to be quickly adapted to varying conditions of pressure and flow. This unit will be installed on an experimental basis by Trunkline Gas Company in its Cypress, Texas, station.

#### Application & Operation

Combustion turbine burning of blast furnace gas, either as bled from the furnace system or enriched with other fuels, came in for discussion in two papers, both of European origin. Blast furnace gas, though low in unit heat value, was found to be a neutral fuel, in that no corrosive effects were discernable on turbine blades, even in the hottest area of the turbine.

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the turbine exhaust gases passed through boilers for the generation of low-pressure steam, was covered for an entire session, with three papers devoted to that subject.

P. F. Martinuzzi, Stevens Institute of Technology, detailed his observations in the field of such power generation; followed by a paper authored by M. Eisler and W. M. Sybert, of Kaiser Engineers, who advocated the use of such combinations for meeting peak loads in electric generating plants.

G. L. Morris, of Brown & Root, Inc., summarized the studies made in designing the plant, including installed cost, ease of operation, simplicity and over-all efficiency for an operating industrial installation which his company engineered and constructed.

The plant includes two 7500 hp simple cycle gas turbines, driving process equipment; two 30,000 lb per hr watertube, two-drum, pressurized recovery boilers with stack-type economizer for heating feedwater for the recovery boilers and power boiler plus a separate economizer for process feedwater heating; and two 40,000 lb/hr watertube, two-drum, balanced draft power boilers capable of using either air or turbine exhaust gas for combustion air.

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THE EXHAUSTIVE symposium on compressor stall, surge and system response, occupying three full sessions and incorporating 11 papers, was summarized by the compilation, within a single cover, of brief expositions of their subjects by the several authors concerned. Although labelled "brief," this book occupies 56 pages of standard magazine size.

NO GAS TURBINE conference would be complete without at least one paper comparing the operating characteristics of twoshaft and single-shaft turbines, in this instance for driving gas pipeline compressors.

The paper, by M. J. McDonough, of Westinghouse Electric Corporation, describes and compares the two types of turbine along a typical compressor loading line for

constant station discharge pressure. Horsepower-speed relationships and specific fuel consumption are considered. The author urges weighing the load factor in turbine selection. For load factor, where recirculation is required during the summer slack period, the added cost of fuel consumption in such an operation must be recognized.

He concludes that there are applications for both types of turbine: generally specifying the two-shaft unit for low load-factor conditions and the single-shaft type for lines having high load factor, because of the latter design's simplicity and good efficiency.

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Engines, Ltd., made a good case for the use of strategically located small gas turbine plants for coping with peak power demands. He pointed out that the turbine plant could be put on the line in a fraction of the time in which a steam unit could be made ready, and that the initial investment would be much less than where a boiler, generator and accessories must be bought and housed.

The turbine plants, distributed in a municipal power network, could also cut line losses by reducing the amount of high-line transmission required to make their power available, as compared to a centrally located, larger steam plant.

If the gas turbine plant can prove itself economically sound for installations in England, where the fuel cost is high, it should find even wider fields of application in areas where petroleum fuels either liquid or gas, are available at low rates. The ability of combustion turbines to operate for long period on residuals, for instance, makes such an installation very attractive.

**EXHIBITS** shown in connection with the conference highlighted the amazing development of the combustion turbine since the first such showing at the initial meeting of the Gas Turbine Division five years ago.

The 1961 Conference and Exhibition of the Gas Turbine Division of ASME is scheduled for Washington, D. C., March 5th to 9th.

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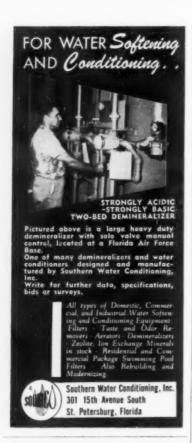
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#### Southern News Briefs (Continued from P. 12)

#### Worthington - Atlanta

Worthington Corporation has established a new Southern Resale Region, with R. N. Franz as manager. Headquarters are in Atlanta



and the region covers sales territories of Atlanta, New Orleans, Houston, Dallas and Tulsa.

Mr. Franz received his B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering from Lehigh University. He started with Worthington in 1949 in the Merchandising Division. He spent several years in Construction Equipment Sales in Atlanta, and in 1958 was appointed Regional Resale Manager for the Central States, where he is now succeeded by F. J. Reardon.

#### Continental Conveyor Opens Tenn. Warehouse

Continental Conveyor and Equipment Company is opening a warehouse at 1722 Chelsea Ave., Mem-



phis, Tenn., under the supervision of C. R. Helm, District Manager.

Mr. Helm has been located in Memphis since 1956, acting as sales engineer for Continental Conveyor's predecessor, the Industrial Division of Continental Gin Company.

#### New Orleans Public Service Vice-Pres. McCoard Dies

Albert Babcock McCoard, vicepresident and principal financial officer of New Orleans Public Service, died on March 25.

A native of New Orleans, Mr.-McCoard was connected with Public Service and its predecessor companies for over 56 years, having started as an office boy in 1903. After holding a number of positions in the auditing department of the Company, he was named general auditor in 1918. He was successively appointed comptroller, executive assistant, and was elected a vice-president in 1939. He had been a director of the Company for over 25 years. Mr. McCoard was widely known as an authority on public utility financing.

#### Bailey Meter — La.

Bailey Meter Company has announced that W. P. Davenport, formerly an industry specialist in The



Pulp & Paper Division, has been named manager of the New Orleans district succeeding S. G. Dukelow, who is now manager of the San Francisco district.

Mr. Davenport joined the company in 1937 as an engineering trainee. He holds a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering.

#### C & D Batteries-Ala.

General Machinery Company, headed by Mr. Edward T. Wilkinson, Jr., 1600 Second Ave., South, Birmingham, has been appointed Sales and Service representative for Alabama, by Mark C. Pope Associates. The Pope organization represents C & D Batteries, division of The Electric Autolite Company, in Atlanta, Georgia.

#### Pioneer Rubber Co. - Tex.

Wayne L. Niedens has been appointed sales representative by The Pioneer Rubber Company of Willard, Ohio, for the company's Texas subsidiary.



He will make his headquarters in New Orleans to cover the territory including Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, western Tennessee and the Houston, Texas area for Pioneer's industrial glove products.

Mr. Niedens has had extensive experience in the field of industrial merchandising. Prior to joining Pioneer of Texas, he was associated

with Western Waterproofing Company, Boston Frozen Foods Company and Lever Brothers. A native of Kansas, Mr. Niedens received his college training at Union College and at Tulane University.

#### Sou. Pipe Coating—Ga.

L. R. Mobley has been appointed sales representative in the Southeast for Southern Pipe Coating Com-



pany, Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Mobley has more than ten years' experience in the pipe field, serving previously as a sales representative for a large manufacturer of piping, plumbing and heating materials.

#### I-T-E Miami Office

I-T-E Circuit Breaker Company. Philadelphia, has appointed C. E. Wood district manager of its Miami



sales office at 4216 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Coral Gables, Fla. Mr. Wood succeeds Lee Hamilton, resigned. The Miami office handles sales of I-T-E equipment in the Southern part of Florida.

Mr. Wood joined I-T-E in 1953 as a sales representative. In 1957, he became head of the Philadelphia district office Resale Market group.

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#### Southern News Briefs (Continued)

#### PLANT PERSONNEL

The following promotions have been announced by Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company: In the generation department John D. Graham, formerly assistant chief engineer at Mustang Station, is now chief engineer. George Gibbons, formerly at Riverbank Station, has replaced Mr. Graham as assistant chief engineer. Riverbank's new assistant chief engineer is George Binkley, who for the past eight years has been results engineer at Horseshoe Lake Station.

John G. Robinson is mill manager of the new Bowater Board Co. plant at Catawba, S. C.

Dr. Albert C. Hall, director of research and engineering for The Martin Company, Baltimore, has been named vice-president in charge of engineering.

R. L. Casady is general manager of the new sheet plant recently completed by Hoerner Boxes, Inc., at Springfield, Mo. A. Eugene Palmer is superintendent.

#### Western Electric-Missouri

The Western Electric Company is starting construction on an expanded manufacturing plant on Route 50 at Lee's Summit, Mo.

The entire plant will be built at one time, rather than in stages as announced last fall, according to Donald P. Wilkes, manager of the plant. Start of initial construction was delayed so that architectural plans could be prepared for the full project.

The new plant will involve an investment of about \$25,000,000 and will provide an employment potential of 5,000 men and women.

There will be three major components to the full plant - two will house manufacturing operations and the third will provide office facilities. The company expects the first sections of the new plant to be ready for occupancy by early 1962, and the entire plant completed before the end of that year.

In preparation for erection of the new plant on Route 50, pilot operations have been conducted at 1227 East 119th Street, Grandview.

#### TCI-Atlanta

The Charlotte, N. C., District Sales Office of United States Steel's Tennessee Coal & Iron Division will be moved to Atlanta in the near future, it was announced recently by David A. Challis, Jr., TCI vicepresident of sales.

The transfer is being made to improve efficiency of service to customers in the district, Mr. Challis said. When the move is made to Atlanta. three sales territories now in the Fairfield, Ala., Sales District will be transferred to the jurisdiction of that office. There will be no change in service to customers in North and South Carolina. Representatives will call on them just as frequently as in the past.

#### Welsh Mfg. Co. - S.W.

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#### How To Get Maintenance Supervisors

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foreman then outline his new duties and responsibilities and convey to the new group leader the fact that the promotion is considered an important event both for him and the company.

When the interview is completed the general foreman returns to the department and carefully informs the other employees considered but not selected for this promotion prior to the announcement to all personnel in the department. This is an important factor from both a morale and communications standpoint,

#### Instruction

For a man to carry out a new job properly, particularly one with more than average responsibility, he needs to know precisely what his duties and responsibilities encompass. This is accomplished by the general foreman sitting down with the newly appointed group leader and discussing in detail the responsibilities of the job.

Knowing in advance that his job responsibilities specifically include evaluation of current maintenance practices and recommendations for improvements and not just the performance of routine duties, the Group Leader is more likely to contribute to the betterment of the plant and to his own development for future management responsibility. Some of the responsibilities covered are:

- Assign jobs within his group, based on instructions from his supervisor, in a way that will maintain maximum departmental efficiency.
- Periodically check work to see that quality standards are being met.

- Make out time sheets and keep records as directed by the supervisor.
- Advise the supervisor of any conditions which affect efficiency, quality or safety.
- Notify the supervisor when conditions are noted which would render operation of equipment hazardous.
- Advise supervisor of unusual or recurring maintenance difficulties.
- Maintain cleanliness standards.
- Make suggestions to the supervisor for improvements in efficiency, maintenance costs and working conditions.

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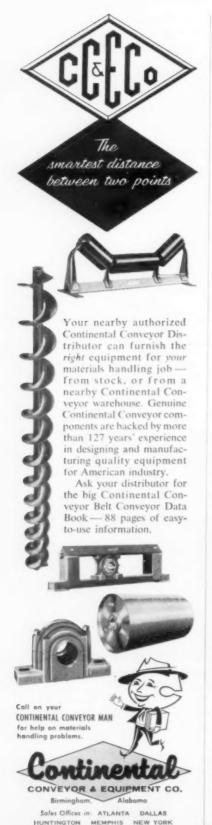
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#### Effective Scheduling of Shutdowns

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superintendent should determine the work to drop from the schedule, in which case it is always advisable to remove several jobs of short duration. This is due to the fact that maintenance will still have an outside chance to complete some of these small jobs.

When the work to be removed has been selected, the necessary manpower should be dispatched to the unscheduled job. The craft foremen should:

- Take up the job orders for the cancelled jobs.
- 2. Review the other jobs in progress for early completion.
- When a job is completed early, one of these cancelled jobs should be sandwiched in.

#### **Basic Rules**

In planning a shutdown, there are certain basic rules the maintenance control department should follow, i.e.

- Four weeks prior to a shutdown, pull all shutdown jobs from the schedule board for the area or machine affected.
- Publish a list, describing each job and showing the estimated time for effecting repairs.
- 3. Contact outside manufacturers' representatives, acquaint them with the tentative date of the shutdown and secure firm commitments on delivery of parts and supplies, or for the furnishing of any technical personnel needed.
- Continue to accept additional requests for work to be done on this shutdown for one week.
- Three weeks prior to the shutdown, call a meeting of the management affected for finalizing the work to be done.
- State in this meeting the maintenance manpower which will be available.
- 7. Set a number one priority on the "must" jobs.
- Set lesser priorities on the other jobs, according to their importance.

After this meeting, accept no request for additional work unless the priority is stated and the request bears the signature of approval of the manager of operations.

Call a meeting of the maintenance supervisors for the purpose of determining those jobs requiring prep-work prior to the shutdown. The store's supervisor should be present at the meeting to discuss parts and supplies needed. Those parts and supplies not in stock should be expedited.

The estimated hours on jobs requiring prepwork should be determined. This work should begin to appear on the daily maintenance schedule. The estimated time appearing on the shutdown schedule should be only that time requiring the shutdown of equipment.

If the shutdown is for a major machine such as a paper machine, the departments ahead of the machine will go down earlier and on a staggered basis in respect to their location in the manufacturing process. Under normal conditions, these departments will go down in the following order in our example which is the paper industry:

- 1. Wood preparation
- 2. Paper mill
- 3. Bleach plant
- 4. Groundwood mill
- 5. The machine itself

A firm commitment should be received from the superintendent of each of these departments, stating the hour his department will be available to maintenance on the go-down phase. Assemble this information and use it as a basis for scheduling the shutdown.

The start-up time for each department will depend on the work load in that department. In establishing the scheduled working time for certain jobs where limited equipment such as the overhead crane is available, care should be taken to stagger these jobs to avoid conflicts and delays.

#### Editor's Note:

This explanation of planning is very straightforward and easy to understand. Yet all experienced maintenance heads will recognize it as a big job. Many may disagree

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with portions of it. And many will feel they have better methods—particularly for their own type of industry. The editors will welcome comments from other maintenance men in Southern and Southwestern plants... and where practical, these comments will be published, and paid for at our usual rates.

#### Ten Point Maintenance

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and the application engineers. The flow of information pertaining to field investigations, machinery case histories, changes in lubrication procedures and new application methods must be maintained between all responsible parties.

A breakdown of communication can be disastrous and prevent the accomplishment of the objectives of the program.

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#### STEP 9-CONTINUOUS IM-PROVEMENT A NECESSITY

The program will be a complete failure if we accept present procedures as the ultimate. Considerable literature has been published on the subject of lubrication and it would take many, many years for any one individual to become an authority in the field.

The lubrication engineer will find the field very challenging because of new lubricants and new techniques being developed day to day. Improvement must be a continuous item on the agenda of the engineer and the paths offering new approaches to any one program may well develop into a new look at the program.

#### STEP 10—MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH SERVICE ORGANIZA-TIONS OF REFINING COM-PANIES

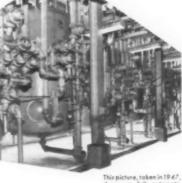
Many millions of dollars are being expended yearly by the refining companies in their new scientific and research laboratories. They have become extremely aware of the problems which face industry today, tomorrow and for the future. They are constantly searching fields which may be remote to your immediate problem today, but which may well be an answer to an entirely new approach in lubrication tomorrow.

The lubrication engineer today must remain alert and in constant search for new methods and procedures in the interest of maintaining accurate records on the equipment's life, minimum production downtime, reduced inventories, and low maintenance costs.

#### Conclusion

In conclusion, the challenge is ours, and we should not take it lightly. We have tried here to outline a general approach to a problem which has gained momentum over the past few years and one which has not been taken too seriously by major industry. As the old expression goes, "Thar's gold in them thar hills" and our job is to refine it. It is sincerely hoped that the program we have outlined will assist other industries to take a second look at their lubrication programs.





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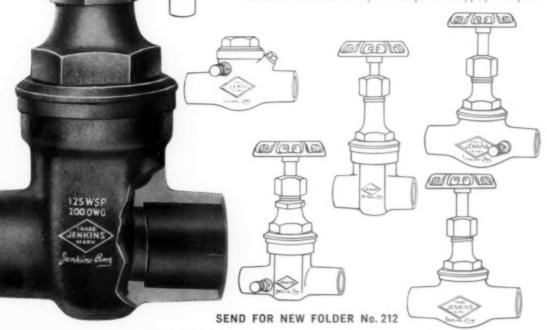
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